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DRAMATIC FALL OF PUKOW.

OVER 3,000 NORTHERNERS CAPTURED.

MR. EUGENE CHEN'S TRUCULENT REPLY.

SHANGHAI ATTACK MYTH.

The outstanding news to-day is Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's capture of Pukow, the important city and railhead on the other side of the Yangtze, opposite Nanking. The victory was achieved yesterday, and large numbers of Northerners, including some 600 Russians, are said to have been taken prisoner. Messages to hand late this morning, give graphic details of the occupation and tell of the prevention of looting by the Nationalists.

Meanwhile, north of Hankow, there is a stern fight in progress between the Southerners and the Fengtien troops, large numbers of wounded men arriving at Hankow. It is said that the Northern forces are making a steady advance and that the organisation of defence measures at Hankow continues.

There is a big flanking movement being attempted by the troops of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek who have crossed the river above this point and who are attacking the Northerners in the rear in the hope of cutting off the main forces.

In connexion with the rumours of a planned Northern attack on Shanghai, the planes of H. M. S. Argus have again carried out a reconnaissance, investigating the territory on both banks of the Wangpu, and report no signs of any military activity.

In the course of an interview with Reuter's correspondent at Hankow, Mr. Eugene Chen has expressed resentment at Sir Austen Chamberlain's recent references to himself, and declares that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is riding for an early fall, while the Hankow Nationalists will be in Peking within three months. Mr. Chen added, that he would then speak in language which could not be ignored.

SHANTUNG ENCIRCLEMENT THREAT.

Shanghai, May 15. The vernacular papers report that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's troops have occupied Pukow, this morning, taking prisoner more than 3,000 Northerners, including 600 Russians. The defeated troops are retreating to Chuchow on the Tientsin-Pukow railway.—Reuter.

HOW PUKOW WAS CAPTURED.

Looters Severely Handled.

Shanghai, May 16. A wireless message from Nanking states that Pukow, opposite Nanking, fell to the Southern forces yesterday morning. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's troops, who crossed the north bank of the Yangtze above Pukow some days ago, converged toward the town early in the morning, while other Southerners moved by water from down-river. The Northerners evacuated the town without fighting, and retreated up the Tientsin-Pukow railway towards Chuchow. As soon as they had departed, looters crossed the river by sampans, but were severely handled by Chiang's troops, who then occupied the town.

The Northerners shelled Pukow with shrapnel after the occupation by the Southerners. Southern forces were pouring across the Yangtze yesterday above Nanking. A wireless message from Ching-kiang states that Northerners are still holding their positions on the north bank, and there are no signs of the Southerners crossing there.—Reuter.

CONCERTED ATTACKS.

Shantung Rear Threatened.

Shanghai, May 16. The Nationalist forces who crossed the river from Tashingwan are advancing on Wuyi, to attack the rear of the Shantung troops near Pukow. General Pei Chung-hsi will also cross the river to take personal

FENGTIEN PROGRESS.

Wounded Arrive in Hankow.

Hankow, May 15. Severe fighting between the Southerners and the Fengtien forces is reported from the Honan front. The Southerners are losing many men in their endeavours to stem the advance of the Northern forces. Large numbers of wounded, the majority coming from the Eleventh Army, are arriving from the front.

Meanwhile the organisation of defensive measures for Hankow is continuing, troop movements on a large scale being in progress. The so-called Eleven Commandments are having their effect, and everything is quiet in the foreign districts.—Naval Wireless.

Quiet at Chinkiang.

Chinkiang, May 15. There have been minor clashes between the opposing forces in the vicinity of Chinkiang, which is itself quiet, nothing of any note having occurred since the foreign residences were evacuated by Gen. Ho Ying-yin's orders.—Naval Wireless.

ATTACK ON SHANGHAI?

British Planes Reconnoitre.

Shanghai, May 15. A threatened Northern attack on Shanghai from the direction of the Whangpu is continually rumoured, but a further reconnaissance carried out by machines from H.M.S. Argus showed that the stories are mere fabrications. The aeroplanes investigated the territory on both banks of the Whangpu as far down as Taung-ming Island. There are no signs of activity or movement of any troops.

Late news from the Yangtze is to the effect that a severe battle has been in progress in the Nanking zone, and that Pukow fell into the hands of the Southerners to-day.

The situation in Shanghai is normal.—Naval Wireless.

Minor Affairs Near Wuhu.

Wuhu, May 15. Little information is available from the Liangchow-Lake Huchow front, but it is understood that minor engagements have taken place. Wuhu is perfectly quiet.—Naval Wireless.

MR. CHEN'S TRUCULENCE.

"Peking in Three Months."

Shanghai, May 15. In the course of an interview with Reuter's special correspondent at Hankow, Mr. Eugene Chen, referring to Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement on China of May 9, said, "Before three months we shall conquer our way to Peking, where in the name of Kuomintang I shall speak in language which cannot be ignored by Sir Austen Chamberlain. The latter's reference to my Government was ludicrous and deeply tragic in its ignorance."

After warning the British Foreign Minister that "England will suffer a deep and lasting injury if she flirts with Chiang Kai-shek, who will not last out the summer," Mr. Chen, replying to a question by the correspondent, freely admitted that "the Nationalist and British policies expressed in the Hankow agreement have not been followed up," and that "a series of regrettable events," as enumerated by Sir Austen Chamberlain, had occurred. He proceeded laboriously to attribute the latter to the presence in Shanghai of the British Defence Force.—Reuter.

NETHERLANDS UNIT.

Farewell On Departure.

The thanks of the Shanghai Municipal Council and of the Defence Force Command to the officers and men of H.N.M.S. Sumatra, for their participation in the patrolling of the International Settlement during the period of crisis, was formally tendered at the Drill Hall, Shanghai, last Tuesday.

A number of Netherlands marines under the command of their officers paraded, and the senior officers of the Sumatra were met at the Hall by Mr. Fessenden. (Continued on Page 12.)

ARRIVAL OF MORE TROOPS.

A WHOLE BRIGADE NOW IN HONGKONG.

PARTIAL DISEMBARKATION

With the arrival to-day of the troopships Nevada and City of Marseilles, the transport of the 15th Infantry Brigade has been completed. The Derbyshire, carrying the 2nd Batt. Welch Regiment, arrived yesterday morning, and the men were immediately disembarked, and allotted quarters in the Peninsula Hotel.

The work of disembarkation went on all day in order that the Derbyshire might be cleared from the wharf to make room for the new troopships.

The s.s. Nevada, bringing the 1st Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surreys) and two companies of the 1st Batt. Northamptonshire Regiment, arrived about 7 a.m. and anchored at an Admiralty buoy. It is not proposed to disembark the men until to-morrow, the vessel having to give way to the City of Marseilles, which arrived at a later hour carrying the 15th Brigade Headquarters, and the Commandant of the Brigade, Col. B. N. Serghison-Brooke, C.M.G., D.S.O., in addition to the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards and the remainder of the Northamptonshires.

The City of Marseilles went alongside Holt's Wharf soon after her arrival, and the disembarkation of her troops proceeded soon afterwards.

Troop Disposition.

It is understood that the Guards and the two companies of the Northamptonshires will go into the Peninsula Hotel for to-night, but the final disposition of the Brigade has not been settled, the question having been left to the decision of Col. Serghison-Brooke.

Tentatively, the arrangements are that three battalions, the 2nd Welch Regiment, the 2nd Scots Guards and the 1st Northamptonshires, will be quartered at the Peninsula Hotel, while the 1st Queen's Royal Regiment will be split up between Wellington, Victoria and Lyceum Barracks.

The small guard left by the Camerons at the Peninsula Hotel have now rejoined their battalion.

Transports also carried drafts for the Green Howards and the Middlesex Regiment, and these will leave for Shanghai as soon as possible.

Two further transports are on their way to Hongkong, but they have on board only a small number of field batteries, and medical services.

THE LONDON RAID.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO-DAY.

London, May 15.

The police are still in possession of Arcos Buildings, and the systematic search authorised by the magistrate's warrant was continued until late last night and was resumed to-day.

Pending a statement in the House of Commons to-morrow, no official version of the raid has been published.—British Wireless.

BACK AGAIN.

MANY TIMES DEPORTED.

A criminal record, showing no less than five breaches of the Deportation Ordinance, was produced against a returned banished who was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

The defendant, who was deported for life four years ago, was sentenced to ten months' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch.

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SHANGHAI ITEMS.

MISBEHAVED TROOPS PUNISHED.

END OF THE CURFEW.

Shanghai, May 16.

The Nation's list troops here are not behaving themselves so well as they should, probably because the Commander-in-Chief, General Pei Chung-hsi, is away at Nanking. The authorities of the French Concession have been having a good deal of trouble with Nationalist soldiers who persist in interfering with Chinese sisters from the convents and schools which lie outside but near the French Concession. In other words the Nationalists here, in a quiet way, are attempting to follow the practices of their confederates in Nanking. I learn that a day or two ago the French authorities, after a specific and very bad incident of this nature in which two Sisters were concerned, threatened to occupy these convents and schools in Chinese territory unless the culprits were immediately apprehended and executed. The threat was seriously meant and seriously taken and the commander concerned had the two soldiers responsible shot in the presence of French police. Since then there have been no further incidents.

End of Curfew.

The lads of the village who love to speak proudly of coming home with the milk, will now be able to talk again for to-night the curfew does not ring in Shanghai. The Council informs us this morning that once more we may come and go as we please, always of course where the barriers are open. Cafe and cabaret managers are said to be bringing out the old signs and brushing up the door mats so that the magic word "welcome" can be read again. But the fact is that Shanghai will not at once resume the life that was so suddenly cut off by the curfew restrictions. More than a few have realised the benefits of having a fling before midnight and still having a few hours in which to recuperate before the office opened at nine in the morning. Of course, the best thing about the withdrawal of the restrictions is that when the unfortunate newspaper man leaves his office at some unearthly hour in the morning he will be able to find a ricksha or a taxi to take him from the Bund to Bubbling Well instead of taking a forced one, two or three-mile "constitutional."

Quiet at Hankow.

A friend who has just returned from Hankow, where he personally talked with Comrade Bosedin and Mr. Chen, tells me that the Foreign Minister of the shadow Government of Hankow still claims to be a British citizen. One does not wonder. Mr. Eugene Chen is no fool and there are lots of less pleasant escapes from Hankow than by foreign gunboat of which there are now 40 at Hankow. These ships at Hankow have a landing force of nearly 1,000 so that there is every reason to suppose that with this force there, Hankow will continue to remain quiet with a cessation of anti-foreignism and attacks on foreigners.

SPORTSMEN TAKE NOTE.

MUST NOT LEAVE ARMS WITH OTHERS.

For the sake of convenience on future occasions, Mr. H. M. Pinquet, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, left a double-barrelled shot gun in the custody of a private watchman residing at Kau Ma Kang. In the meantime, the Police gained knowledge of the watchman's possession of fire arms and the man was arrested.

On being charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, the watchman's statement made on arrest, that the gun was deposited at his but by a European, was investigated by the police, who received the necessary confirmation of the story from Mr. Pinquet.

Sergeant Kennedy prosecuting, suggested that the defendant merely be cautioned against keeping arms for others. After issuing a warning, his watchman discharged the accused.

PIRATES USE LAUNCH FOR RAIDS.

WOMEN MAROONED ON AN ISLAND.

JUNK RAIDED NEAR CANTON.

A steam launch, described as having a white hull and a black funnel with a red top, has been engaged in piratical attacks on trading junks in the Canton Delta, according to a report received here. When trading junk No. 162 plying between Macao and Canton, left the former port at the beginning of this month with a cargo of plums and firewood, she was intercepted off Wong Tin Hau, near Kowloon, by the pirates, who transferred aboard the junk a prize crew of ten armed men who made her fast with a tow-rope to the launch.

The mistress of the junk, two other women, and a little boy, were marooned on a small island, being left bound and gagged while the launch resumed its course with the junk in tow.

Twenty-four hours later a passing trading junk took off the women and boy, and on the following day, arriving at Shek Koo Chau, transferred them to a fishing boat bound for Cheungchau.

The Water Police received a report of the affair from the women when the fishing boat arrived at Cheungchau during the week-end.

It was stated that the husbands of the two younger women were kept on the pirated junk, and their fate is unknown.

RIFLE CLUB.

PORTUGUESE MEMBERS' SHOOT.

The recently formed Portuguese Rifle Club is forging ahead, and yesterday they held their first meeting at the Peak Range, when silver spoons, presented by the Club, were competed for. The Club Lusitano has kindly presented a silver cup for competition among the members, to be held for one year by the man securing the best record of the year.

At yesterday's meeting the fine weather enabled those taking part to make the most of their opportunities, and some good shooting resulted. Eight teams of four men competed, the winning team being Pte. H. J. Silva, Pte. F. R. Ribeiro, Pte. G. Ribeiro, and Pte. A. Barreto. The two best individual scores, for which silver spoons were also presented, were won by Pte. F. R. Ribeiro and Pte. F. P. Sequeira.

The Club had the able assistance of C. S. M. Slatery, of the K.O.S.B.'s, who has taken a great interest in its activities.

"THE SPANGLES."

EXCITING CIRCUS STORY AT THE QUEEN'S.

"The Spangles," which was shown at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, and will be repeated to-day, made a favourable impression on large audiences.

Two popular stars, Marion Nixon and Pat O'Malley, figure in the leading roles, as Spangles and Dick, her sweetheart, respectively, while Hobart Bosworth acts the part of a circus owner, trying to destroy the young couple's happiness.

The story is told in an interesting and exciting manner, a particularly striking incident being the scene in which Dick is saved from being killed by the circus elephant.

The man of mystery, Rafles, has won considerable favour with his turns, and he again created a big impression during the week-end.

SIR FRANCIS AGLEN HONOURED.

AWARDED RISING SUN DECORATION.

Tokyo, May 16.

It is announced that the Emperor has awarded the Order of the Rising Sun (First Class) to Sir Francis Aglen.—Reuter.

TUNGCHOW AFIRE.

PASSENGERS TRAPPED BY FLAMES.

16 CHINESE REPORTED AS KILLED.

WAS PIRATE VICTIM.

Tientsin, May 15.

Fire broke out on the Butterfield and Swire steamer Tungchow at noon to-day, when she was leaving the Tongku wharf.

The foreign passengers immediately disembarked, but a large number of Chinese were trapped by the flames below, and it is reported that 16 of them were fatally burned.

The fire was extinguished by 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Valuable assistance was rendered by H.M.S. Foxglove and by the B. and S. steamer Shansi.—Reuter.

The s.s. Tungchow is on the Shanghai-Tientsin run. She was built at Taikoo in 1914, and is a vessel of 2,104 tons, her length being 280 feet, breadth 40.1, and depth 17.8.

This vessel has a special interest for Hongkong, being the ship that was pirated in December, 1925, when on the way from Shanghai to Tientsin, and after being taken to Blas Bay, was navigated to this port when the pirates had left. The Tungchow was boarded by Chinese freebooters at Shanghai, under the guise of passengers, and when one day out these men suddenly asserted themselves, on December 18, and took control. The arrival of the ship in Hongkong on the night of December 22 gave local people the first news of the outrage.

On reaching Blas Bay, the pirates took ashore the ship's bullion, to the amount of \$80,000, as well as about \$10,000 in the form of loot from the passengers. The Captain of the steamer, Capt. W. McIntosh, was shot at and wounded by one of the robbers, and in falling he also broke his ankle. There were no other casualties. The European passengers, who numbered over a dozen, included the editor of the Peking and Tientsin Times, Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead. There were five ladies on board, and their behaviour was described at the time as wonderful. The trip down, reported in full, was an exciting one. Running short of coal, the pirates stoked up with wood fuel, also using the cargo to get up steam.

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FRENCH PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

ROYAL RECEPTION IN ENGLAND

London, May 15.

The French President, Doumergue, will arrive in London to-morrow.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Briand, will accompany M. Doumergue, who will be received at Dover by the Prince of Wales. Lord Crewe, the British Ambassador at Paris, will be in attendance.

H.M. the King will be present at the London terminus to receive the President, who will drive with His Majesty to Buckingham Palace through streets lined with Guards.—British Wireless.

OBSTACLE OF TARIFFS.

CONFERENCE SUGGESTS MODIFICATIONS.

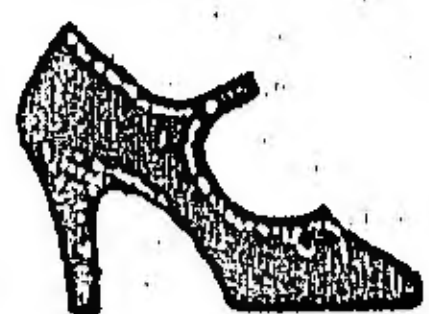
Geneva, May 15.

The Economic Conference committee dealing with customs tariffs is of opinion that the present enormous increase in chapters and sub-divisions of tariffs is excessive, and constitute a serious obstacle to the development of international commerce.

Steps should therefore be taken to abandon that system.

The committee recommends abstention from frequent and abrupt modification of customs duties, and, where monetary stability has not yet been completely reached, that customs duties should be levied on a gold basis.—Reuter.

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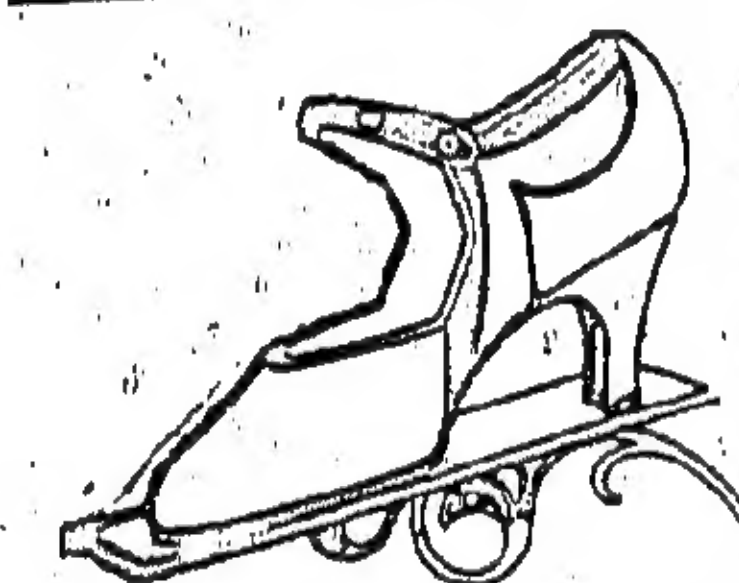
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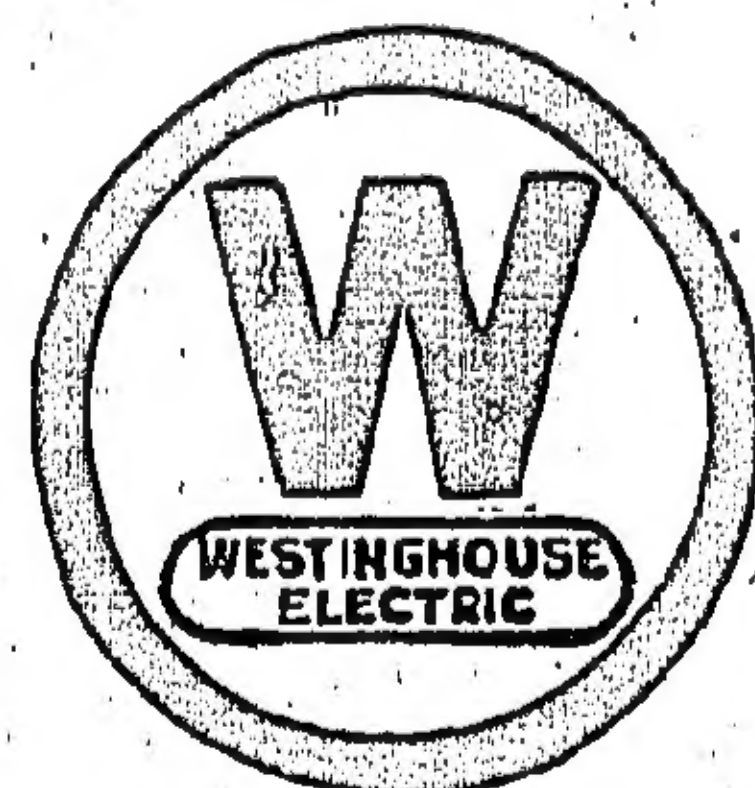
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ARCOS HOUSE RAID.
OPENING THE STRONG
ROOMS.

London, May 14.
The streets around Arcos House
re-echoed all night long with the
machine-gun-like roar of the
pneumatic drills with which gangs
of workmen took turns in cutting
the concrete wall to enable the
police to gain entry to the Arcos
strong rooms, the keys of which
the Arcos officials refused to sur-
render.

As well as drills of the type
normally used in road breaking,
a number of other safe breaking
tools, including oxy-acetylene
blowpipes were brought into readi-
ness to pierce the steel inner
walls.

One strong room which was en-
tered contained tables and chairs,
and it is supposed that this was
used as a meeting room.—*Reuter.*

Rooms Opened.
London, May 14.
The police search of the offices of
Arcos House, the Russian Co-opera-
tive Society's London headquarters,
was continued during last night
and early to-day when an entrance
was effected by pneumatic drills and
other apparatus to two strong rooms,
the keys of which had not been
forthcoming to the authorities.

A fuller statement of the search
is expected from the Home Secre-
tary in a statement in the House of
Commons. In the meantime it is
emphasised that the raid was effect-
ed on a magistrate's warrant in the
ordinary process of the law, which
applies equally to all companies es-
tablished in Great Britain.—*British*
Wireless.

CREDITS SCHEME.
Russians Orders in Great
Britain.

RAID'S EFFECT.
London, May 14.
Simultaneously with the Arcos
House raid the newspapers state
that a credit scheme for £10,000-
000, to become operative immedi-
ately, had been arranged between
the Midland Bank and the Soviet
Trade Delegation in order to as-
sist in placing Russian orders in
Great Britain.

Sir Allan Smith, who is respon-
sible for opening the negotiations,
in an interview, said that but for
the Arcos House raid the prelimi-
nary steps toward placing a
number of important orders would
already have been made.—*Reuter.*

PRESS COMMENTS.
Raid Inspired by Peking's
Example.

A RUPTURE?
Moscow, May 14.
The *Izvestia* says that Arcos
House raid was inspired by the
example of Peking. It practically
means the beginning of the reali-
sation of the threat of a rupture
of relations contained in Sir Aus-
ten Chamberlain's last Note.

The British Government, it says,
is again bringing out the Soviet
bogey in order to divert the at-
tention of the public and enable
it painlessly to enact the Trade
Union Bill.

The raid, it continues, deals a
blow to the Economic Conference
at Geneva for without Soviet par-
ticipation it would be impossible
to restore the economic life of
Europe. The policy of rupture,
which the British Government has
apparently definitely adopted, is
pregnant with the danger of
grave complications. Wrecking
British-Soviet relations will ruin-
ously affect the general economic
situation in Europe. The respon-
sibility for such a catastrophe will
fall entirely upon the British Gov-
ernment which "started with for-
gery and ends with a pogrom".
—*Reuter.*

France Approves.
Paris, May 14.
"The British Cabinet has fol-
lowed Chang Tse-liang's good ex-
ample," says the *Journal des Debat*,
commenting on the Arcos raid.
La Liberté declares that Britain
is at grips with the Soviets from

M. DOUMERGUE'S VISIT.
"SILVER WEDDING OF
ENTENTE CORDIALE."

London, May 15.
The "silver wedding of the En-
tente Cordiale" is the phrase used
by *Le Journal* in reference to the
state visit of M. Doumergue to
London on the 16th when the
French President will be escorted
from Calais by six French destroy-
ers to Dover where he will be wel-
comed by the Prince of Wales and
Lord Crew. He will be received
by the King and other royalties at
Victoria Station and entertained
at a State banquet at Buckingham
Palace in the evening.

M. Doumergue is accompanied
by M. Briand, who it is under-
stood will confer with Sir Austen
Chamberlain particularly on the
question of the evacuation of the
Rhine and which is embarrassing
the position of M. Stresemann,
who it is reported is contempla-
ting resignation if his Locarno
hopes are not fulfilled.—*Reuter.*

A MANILA QUAKE.
BRIEF SHAKE AWAKENS
SLEEPERS.

Manila, May 14.
A sharp earthquake which last-
ed twenty seconds was felt here
shortly after eleven o'clock last
night. The quake was of suffi-
cient violence to awaken sleepers.
—*Reuter.*

JAPAN ACTS.
Several Russian Communists
Arrested.

Tokyo, May 14.
A number of arrests have been
made in the course of the last
few days of Russians and Japan-
ese suspected of Communist ac-
tivities. Some have been released
before examination and others de-
tained. In the meantime, the
strictest watch is being main-
tained at all ports.

Though at present a purely
Police matter, well informed
circles hint that it may possibly
develop into something more seri-
ous, though it is emphasised that
the action taken is mainly a pre-
cautionary measure as the Police
are said to be most perturbed at
the signs of increasing unrest.

This sudden Police activity can
be explained by the appointment
of Mr. Miyata as the new chief of
Metropolitan Police on the change
of Cabinet, he (Mr. Miyata) hav-
ing made a special study of the
whole situation prior to taking
office.—*Reuter.*

TRANSFER OF TRADE.
Soviet Council Passes Protest
Resolution.

OTHER NEGOTIATIONS.
Moscow, May 15.
An extraordinary session of the
Soviet Council of Trade and Indus-
try has passed a resolution strong-
ly protesting against the Arcos
raid, declaring that it will lead
to the break up of mutual Anglo-
Russian trade relations establish-
ed during the last few years, and
proposing that the foreign trade
commissariat permit the transfer
to other countries of the "licences
covering orders to the extent of
tens of millions sterling, which it
was proposed to place in Britain,
and that necessary negotiations
be immediately started with these
countries," but declaring that
Soviet industry and trade will
guarantee the fulfilment of all
obligations following from orders
placed in Britain, subject to ob-
taining the same guarantees from
British firms with whom where-
with they are dealing.—*Reuter.*

FLOOD DISASTER.
A PITIFUL SCENE.

New Orleans, May 13.
After a week's lull, the floods in
Louisiana are again assuming seri-
ous proportions, hundreds of thou-
sands of acres of land and thou-
sands of homes being threatened
by the bursting of the levee on the
Bayou des Glaisses.

The condition of the refugees
is of the most pitiful description.
Women and children, many of
whom are poorly clad and almost
starving, are to be seen every-
where on the roofs of houses and
other buildings. In some cases
human beings and animals are
finding a common refuge on rafts.
The Church spires stand out like
rocks from the waste of
waters, and hungry birds of prey
perch on the trees waiting
for the floods to subside.—
Reuter's American Service.

More Levees Crumbling.
New Orleans, May 15.
The Mississippi flood relief
fund has now reached \$311,500-
000.

Levees along Bayou des Glaisses
are crumbling before the assault
of the pept up inland sea and
already four major and at least
a dozen minor breaks have oc-
curred within 175 miles of New
Orleans.

Hundreds of workers, who
have been fighting in this
section against the irresisti-
ble rise of the Missis-
sippi have given up in despair
and abandoned their homes for the
refugee concentration camps.—
Reuter's American Service.

Relief for Farmers.

Washington, May 15.
The Federal Farm Loan Board
has approved the organisation of
a finance Corporation by the
Mississippi bankers to relieve far-
mers in that State who are suffer-
ing from the floods. The Corpora-
tion will be able to borrow
\$4,000,000 on the basis of a
million dollars paid up capital.
—*Reuter's American Service.*

OIL PRODUCTION.

COMPANY-DISAGREES WITH
CURTAILMENT PLAN.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 14.
The plans for the curtailment of
production in the Seminole oilfield
have been met by the president
of the Barusdall Refining Com-
pany with the announcement that
the company will not participate
in the scheme. Altogether sixteen
out of thirty three companies
operating the Seminole field have
approved the resolution for the
curtailment of production.—
Reuter.

SUCCESSFUL LOAN.

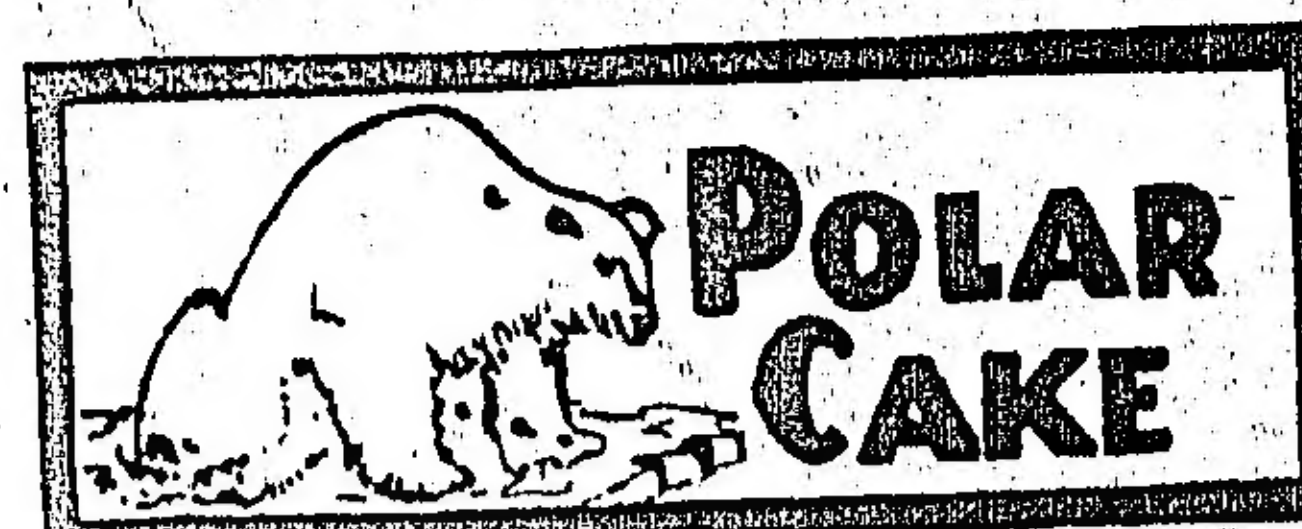
Ten-Thousand Million
Francs.

Paris, May 15.
Ten-thousand-million francs
have already been subscribed to
the 8 per cent loan for converting
part of the floating debt into Con-
sols. This is the first time that
a similar operation has been so
successful since the 1920 loan,
which reached sixteen million
francs.—*Reuter.*

POLA NEGRI WEDS.

MARRIED IN FRANCE TO
POLISH PRINCE.

Seraingourt, (France), May 14.
Pola Negri, the film star, has
married a Polish Prince, Serge
Mdivani. Mae Murray, another
famous film star, is already mar-
ried to Serge's brother. The
families of both bride and bride-
groom were present at Pola
Negri's wedding.—*Reuter.*



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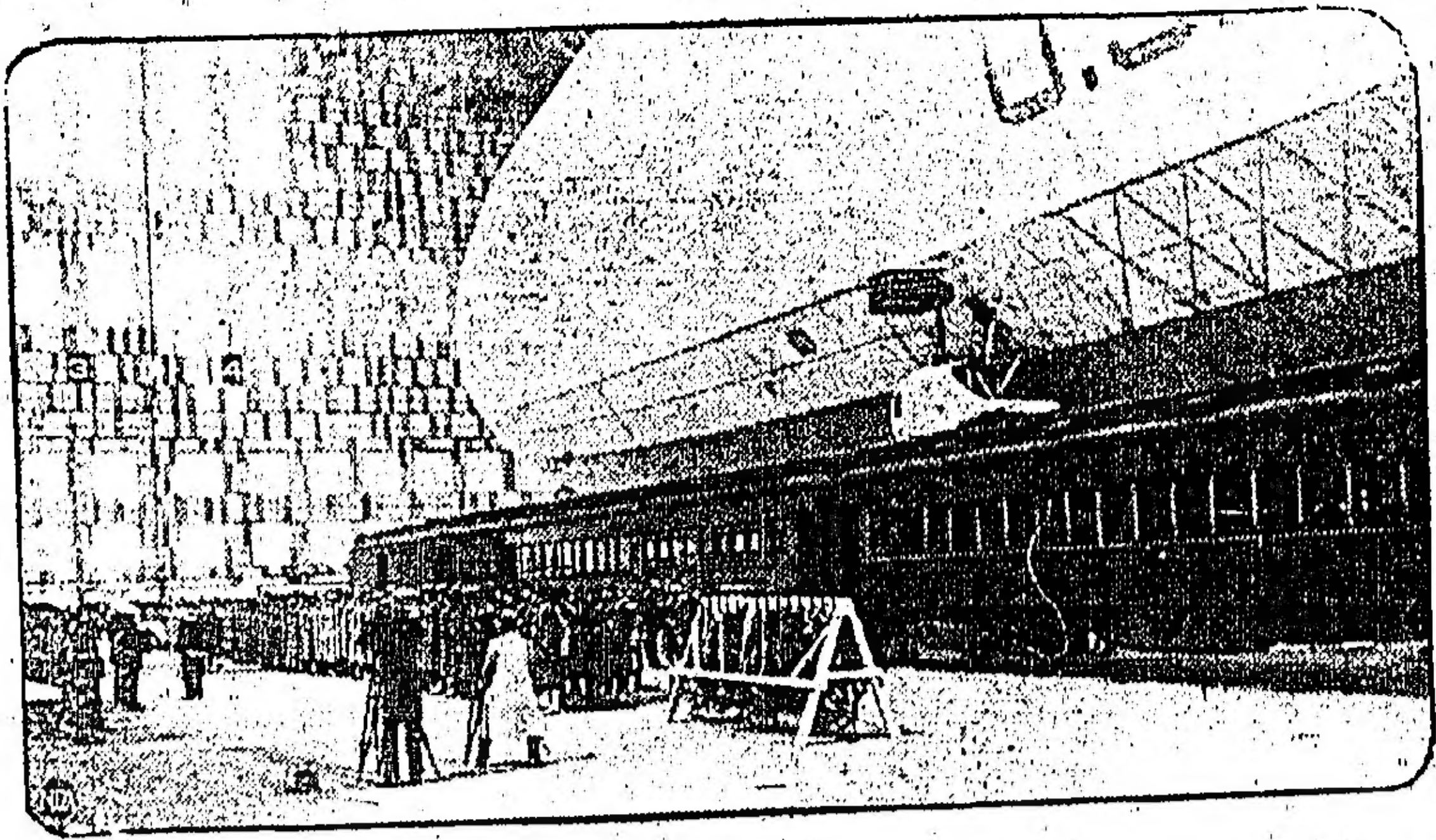
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ON
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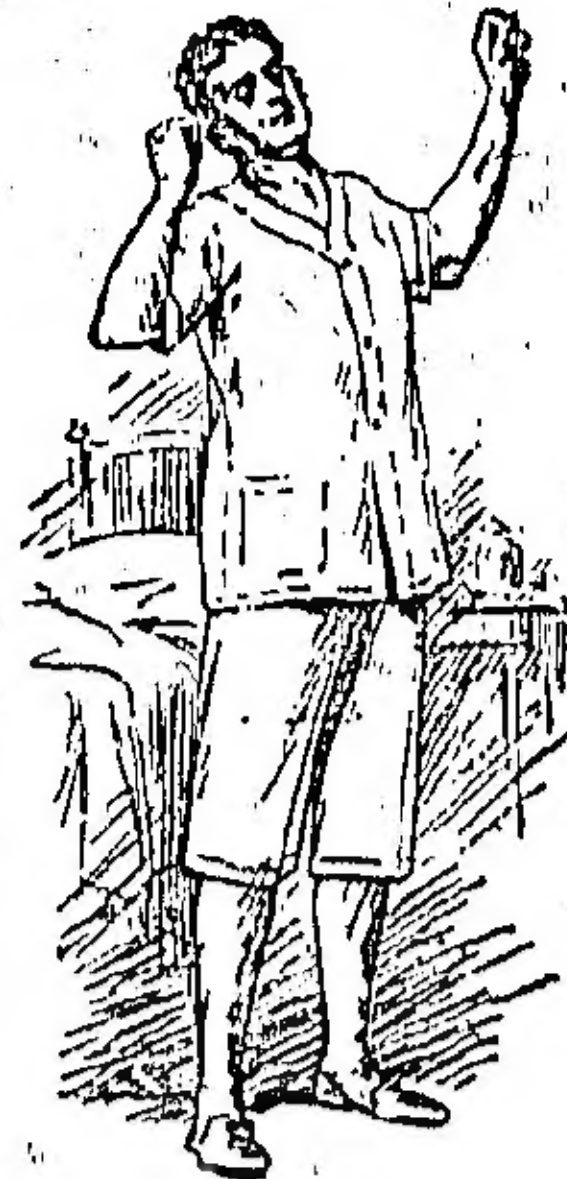
LAKEHURST TO SHANGHAI.—Marines of the guard detachment at the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst, N. J., receiving final instructions in the hangar before entraining to join the famous 6th Regiment at San Diego, thence to sail for the Chinese war zone. The silvery bulk of the dirigible Los Angeles and the train backed into the hangar for the departing "Devil Dogs" form part of the background here. Withdrawal of the marines so depleted the Los Angeles' ground crew that a scheduled series of training flights had to be postponed.



U. S. CHINESE PARADE.—The cause of Chinese Nationalism found expression in a big parade of Chinese through the streets of Philadelphia the other day. Here are a few of the banners the paraders carried. Scores of Philadelphia Chinese participated.

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(as illustration)



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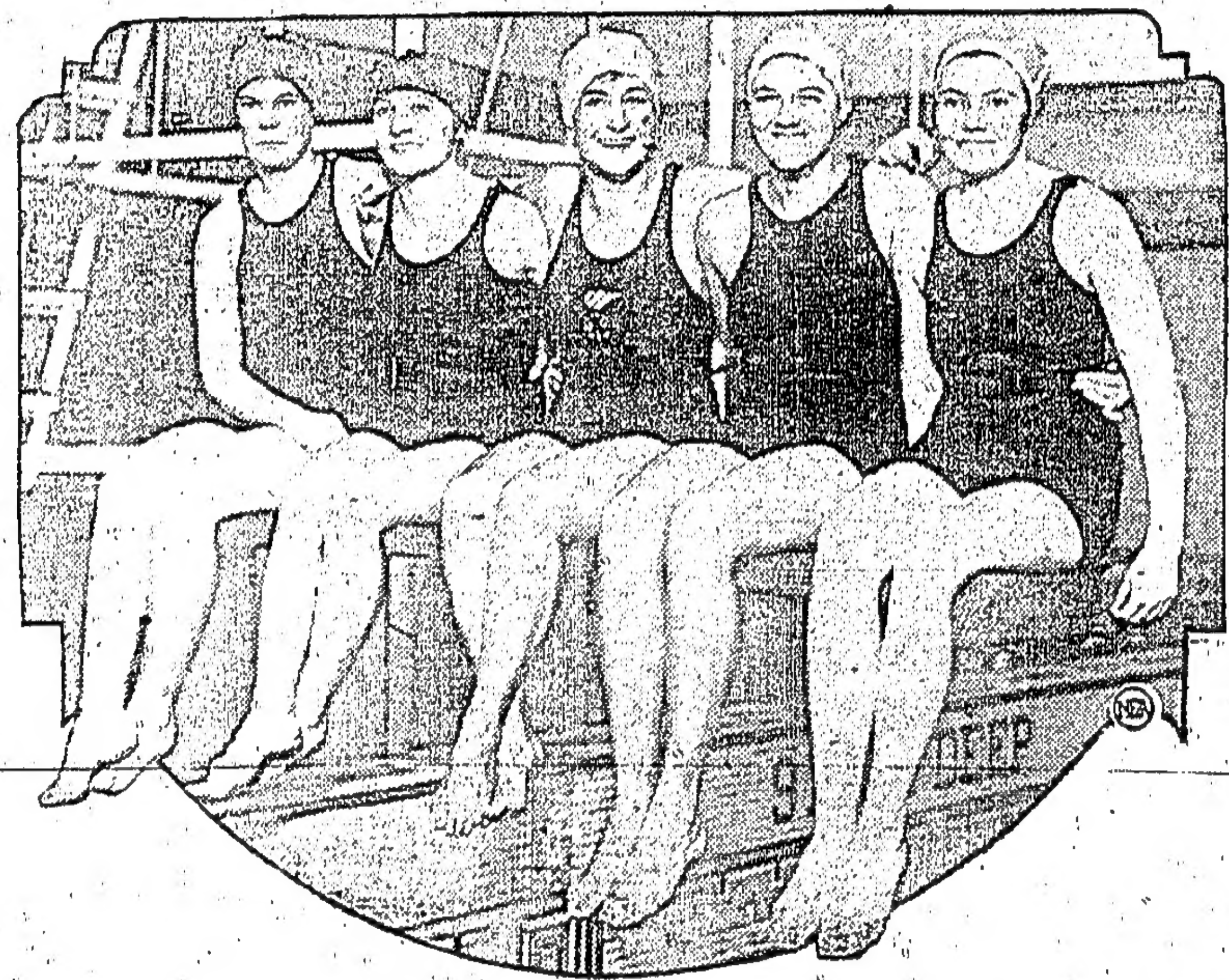
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DE PINEDO WELCOMED.—On American soil after an air journey all the way from Italy, Marquis de Pinedo (right) gets a welcoming handshake at New Orleans from Mr. Arthur O'Keefe, the City's mayor. De Pinedo "hopped" to New Orleans from Havana.



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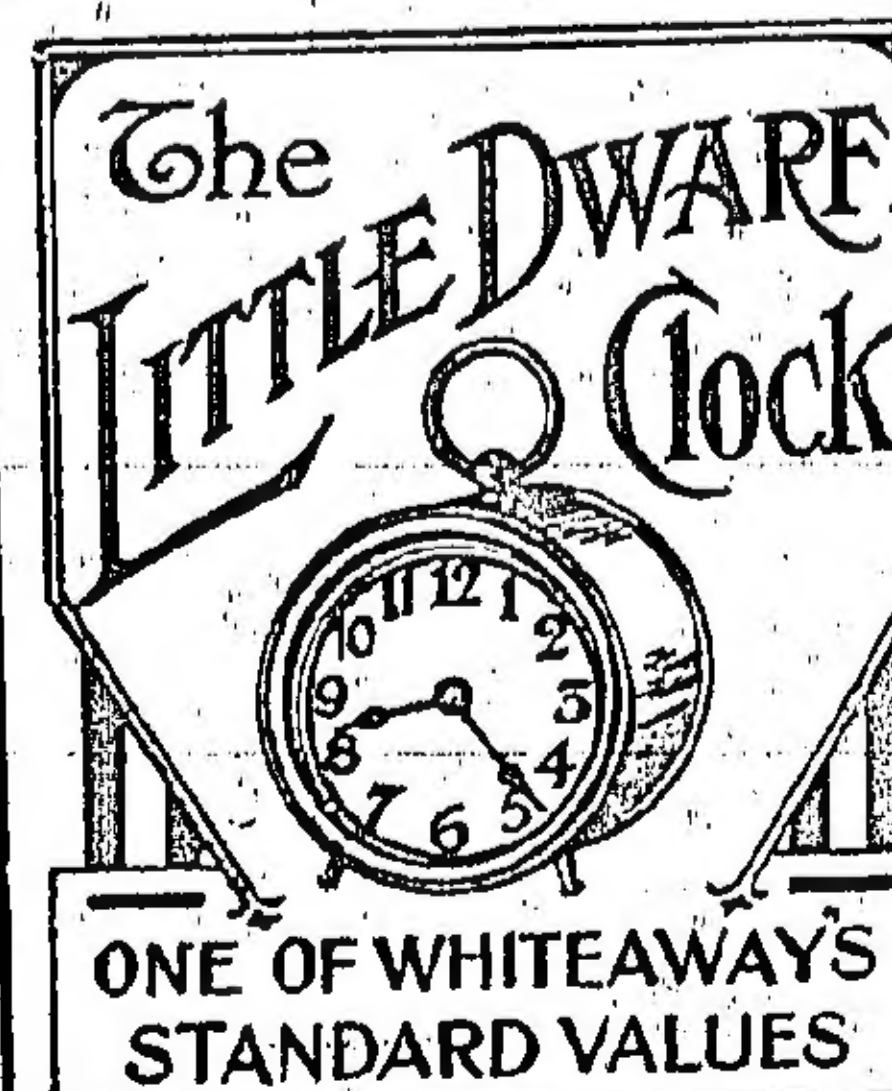
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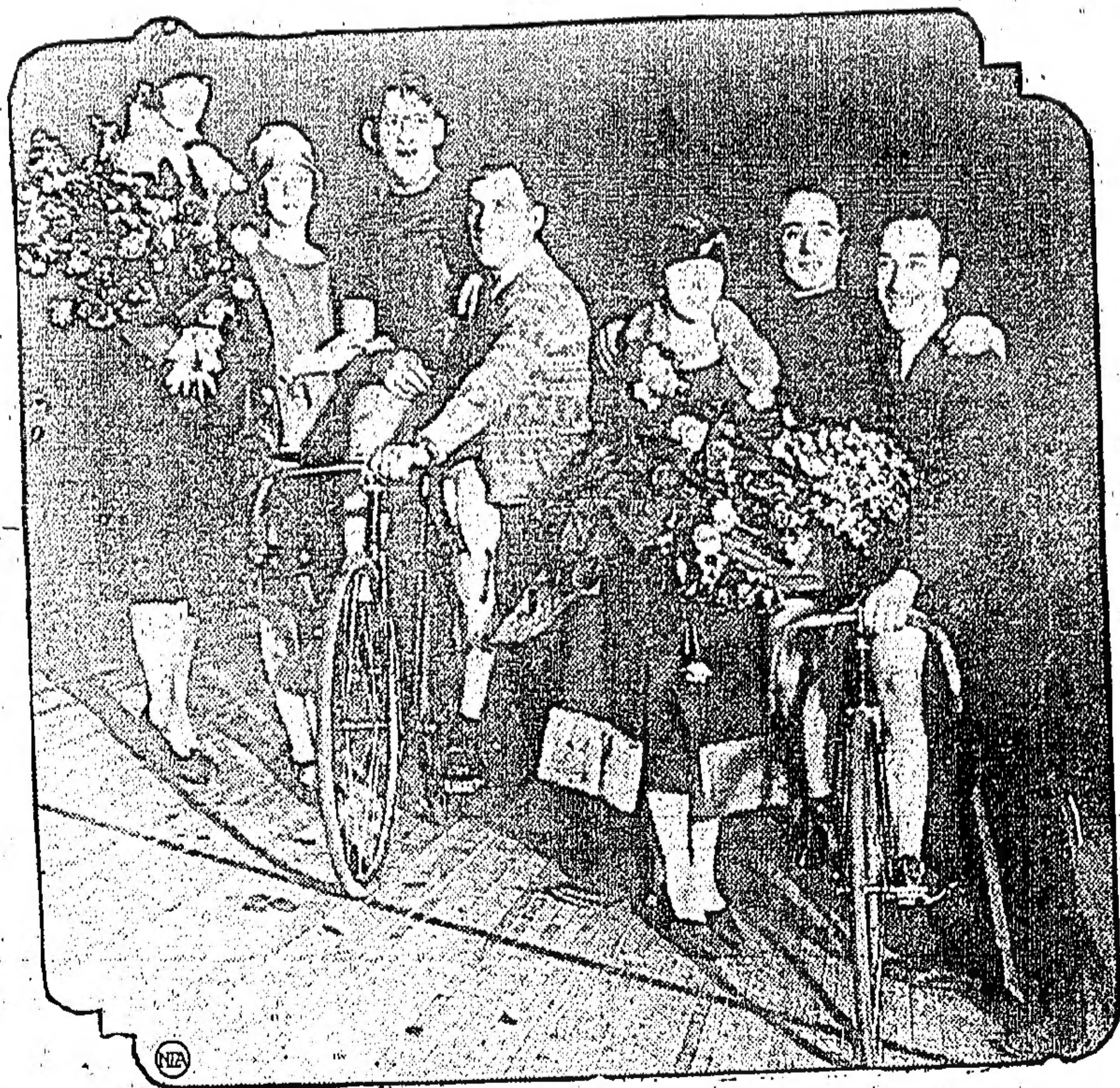


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CYCLE RACE WINNERS.—Reggie McNamara and Franco Georgetti (left and right, on wheels), composing the American-Italian team which won the 42nd 6-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, New York, pose wearily but happily after the finish line was crossed 3 laps ahead of their closest competitors. With them here (left to right) are Mrs. McNamara, her daughter, Ileen, McNamara's trainer, Mrs. Georgetti and Georgetti's trainer.



DANISH ROYAL VISIT.—Christian X. King of Denmark, visiting Prussia dropped in to see Willie Hoenzollern formerly the Crown Prince of Germany. He is seen in a jazzy pull-over.

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Dated this 6th day of May, 1927. By Order of the Board.

D. L. KING, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1927.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd to the 17th May 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY LIMITED. General Agents. Hongkong, 26th April, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its office, Prince's Building, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 31st May, 1927, at 4.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE COMPANY will be closed from Friday, 27th May, 1927, to Tuesday, 31st May, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, S. K. MOOSA, Secretary. Hongkong, 16th May, 1927.



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DUTCH & CHINA.

A FOOLISH SHANGHAI RUMOUR.

TREATY ABROGATION CASE.

It is learned on the highest official authority that local reports and rumours to the effect that the Sumatra, the Netherlands cruiser whose personnel have contributed not a little to routine picketing of the Settlement barricades, was being recalled from Shanghai because of "Nationalist" representations or because of protest entered by Chinese living in the Dutch East Indies, is without the slightest foundation, says the N. C. Daily News. Neither has the local Netherlands Consulate any knowledge, direct or indirect, of an attempt on the part of any of the several "Nationalist" Governments, or on the part of the Peking Government, to cancel what is popularly known as the Treaty of 1911.

The commander of the cruiser Sumatra, naturally, desiring to carry on with his round-the-world tour, which was interrupted because his arrival happened to coincide with the imbroglio arising out of the capture of the "Nationalists," suggested some weeks ago that the emergency had ceased to exist and that he might as well be on his way. This suggestion has just been approved and the Sumatra's departure is, therefore, a matter of routine.

With reference to the cancellation of the Treaty of 1911, it must be made clear that this was no more than a consular convention, one of those reciprocal agreements by virtue of which Chinese Consuls in the Dutch East Indies were entitled to enjoy the same courtesies and privileges in the diplomatic sense as Netherlands Consuls in China. This is scarcely a document which any Chinese administration, with consideration for China's "face" would care to denounce.

Method of Denunciation.

The agreement was signed in Peking, on May 5, 1911, and immediately after the signature of the agreement, the Netherlands Minister and the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs exchanged notes establishing nationality of Chinese born in the Dutch East Indies. It was agreed in these notes that the nationality of Chinese in the Indies would be determined in accordance with the laws in force in the Colonies. As for Chinese born in the Colonies who returned to China, it was already provided that they could renounce their fealty to the Netherlands Crown by the simple process of failing to register at a Netherlands Consulate within a period of six weeks.

It is probably due to the fact that these regulations embodied in the interchange of notes and in consular practice, were found irksome by some Java-born Chinese who wanted to be Dutch today, Chinese to-morrow and Dutch the next day, that the rumours of Treaty repudiation were spread in this community. The Consular Agreement of 1911, it must further be told, was made renewable automatically every four years. Either party desiring amendments or the repudiation of the agreement in toto was pledged to give one year's notice.

Renunciation of this agreement, or modification, should, therefore, have been announced on May 5, 1926, by one or another of the self-styled Governments of China, if there were to have been any discussion of the matter at all. No such notice has ever been given, so the whole case, as blazoned forth in the Chinese press and unfortunately echoed in the foreign press, may be considered dismissed.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 21st of May, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers. Hongkong 6th May, 1927.

CHINESE EDITOR ON TRIAL.

ALLEGED INSULT TO THE POLICE.

"LOAFERS AND VAGABONDS."

In the Shanghai Provisional Court last Monday morning, before Judge Yu, Pon Kun-pih, editor of the Chinese newspaper *China Times*, was charged with, on April 24, publishing an article insulting public officers, to wit, the members of the Chinese branch of the S. M. Police.

Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. Goldring: I appear for the Council and the defendant is summoned for openly making an insulting attack upon the functions of the Chinese police. This section of the C.P.C. Code provides for certain punishments. The articles complained of appeared in the *China Times* and as a whole, it dealt with an article published by Mr. J. O. P. Bland. The principal part of the articles complained of alleges that the Chinese police are loafers, vagabonds and that they are guilty of inhuman and traitorous acts, that the main characteristics of the "Chinese police are to squeeze, to defraud, to lie and to act cruelly."

Loyal Body.

If the Court does not consider that this is an open insult to the Chinese police I shall be very surprised. They are a hard working, loyal body of men and this is an unwarranted attack upon them. I think that I am justified in informing the Court that this article caused a great deal of dissatisfaction amongst the Chinese police and we had great difficulty in restraining them from going to the offices of this paper and wrecking them. I ask the Court if it finds the defendant guilty of this gross libel, to pass the heaviest sentence possible. I will also call the Court's attention to the concluding part of the article, which says that the only use for Indians are as watchmen, for Japanese to sell egg cakes, for English to act as police and for the French to become priests.

Editor's Defence.

Accused: I am the editor but I did not write this article. It was sent in by a man whose nickname is Zung Loong. All these articles sent in are scrutinized by another man who looks after the paper but of course I am responsible. I only scrutinize the front page. An article appeared in an English paper by J. O. P. Bland who is an employee of the S. M. C. and I think that this article complained of is written in retaliation. J. O. P. Bland libelled all the Chinese. He used to be the secretary of the Council but he only mixed up with detectives and police and listened to what they told him and I think that is why the writer of this article attacks the police.

Mr. Dzong Tseh-ming addressed the court on behalf of the accused. Judgment was reserved.

"LONG LIVE FRANCE."

DRAMATIC END TO LIBEL SUIT.

Paris.—The long-drawn-out libel action brought by Abbe Haegy, the Alsatian priest and one of the leaders of the German-speaking Alsatian parties, against M. Edouard Heisey, of the *Journal* (who had accused the abbe of being anti-French), came to an end at Colmar.

Abbe Haegy, who throughout the proceedings had denied that he ever declared that he hated France, rose and declared that in the interests of France he had decided to withdraw his case.

At a sign from the Abbe Haegy his counsel spoke: "M. Haegy is entirely loyal to France and France must not doubt our profound love for her."

M. Henri Robert, a French barrister appearing for the defence, then addressed the plaintiff. "Abbe Haegy," he said, "stand up with us, and arm in arm let us shout, 'Long live France!'" The abbe, a tall, slender figure in black, stood up, and taking the barrister by the hand he shouted with him, "Long live France!"

Everybody in court, including the jury and the judges, rose and joined in the cry as there broke across the court the strains of the Marseillaise. M. Heisey, the defendant, came forward and, holding the abbe by the other hand, joined in the patriotic scene, while many of the witnesses and barristers present wept and embraced each other.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 21 arrivals and seven departures, British returns giving six and one respectively, leaving 58 vessels in harbour, of which 23 were British.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

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Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Radio Telegraph Service between Hongkong and Swatow has been resumed and telegrams for Swatow are now accepted under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

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Japan and Shanghai	Linan	May 17
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Japan and Shanghai	Athos II	May 24
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Manila	Empress of Canada	May 30

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swatow	Cheong Shing Mon	May 16, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Sun Ning	Mon, May 16, 4 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	Mon, May 16, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Soochow	Mon, May 16, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Lahore	Mon, May 16, 5 p.m.
Bangkok	Conatus	Mon, May 16, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Focchow	Haiching	Tues, May 17, Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Calchas	Tues, May 17, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 17th June)
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Tues, May 17, 3.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia. Pres. Lincoln. Tues, May 17. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Victoria, B.C. 6th June)

Swatow Kwohsang. Tues, May 17, 5 p.m. Amoy Talamba. Tues, May 17, 5 p.m. Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island. Thurs, May 18, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 28th May)

Straits and Calcutta Chakrang. Wed, May 18, Parcels noon Letters 1 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy Van Heutz. Wed, May 18, 1.30 p.m. Bangkok Kwai Sang. Wed, May 18, 5 p.m. Heliow and Haiphong Tean. Thurs, May 19, 8.30 a.m. Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Kolsa Maru. Thurs, May 19, 8.30 a.m. Batavia Tjikembang. Thurs, May 19, 11.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Focchow Haining. Fri, May 20, 1 p.m. Japan, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, C. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. Tango Maru. Sat, May 21, 9 a.m.

Amoy Kumsang. Sat, May 21, 5 p.m. Swatow, Amoy and Focchow Hai Hong. Tues, May 24, 9 a.m. Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. Athos II. Tues, May 24, Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters noon (Due Marseilles 24th June)

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island. Mishima Maru. Wed, May 25, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 6th June)

Straits and Calcutta Hosang. Thurs, May 25, Parcels noon Letters 1 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. Morea. Sat, May 28, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 24th June)

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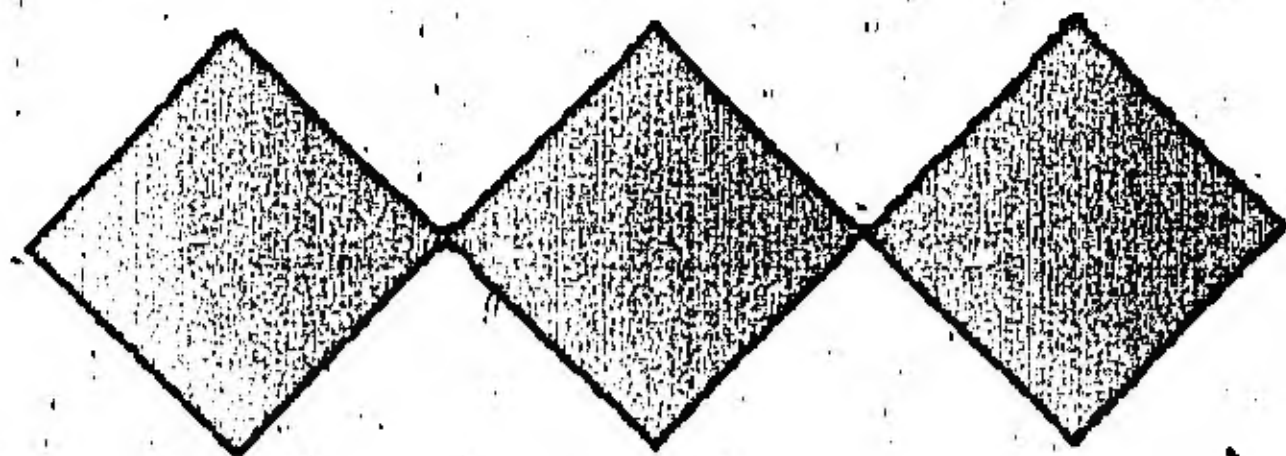
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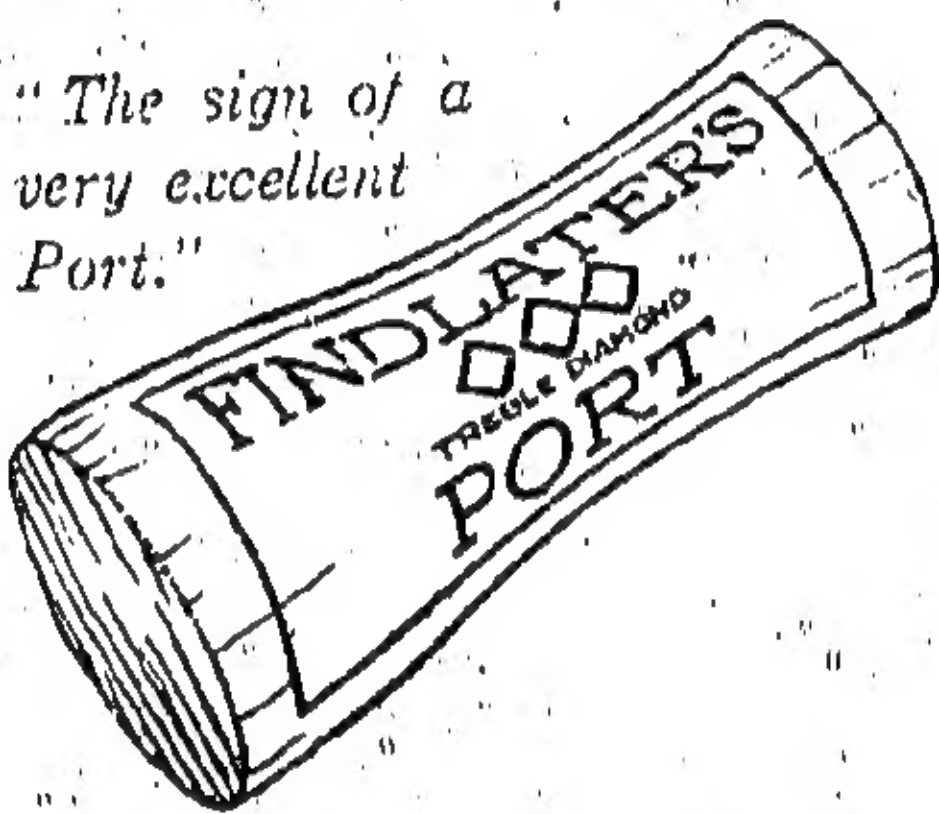
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QUESTIONS AT SATURDAY'S MEETING.

Presiding at the annual meeting of Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd. on Saturday, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Stapleton seconded and the motion was carried.

On the proposal of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kitchell, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton was re-elected a director.

Messrs. Linstead and Davies were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,250. The proposition was carried.

Mr. Jones remarked that the Chairman at the beginning of his speech, said that the reason for the loss this year was accounted for by the decrease in turn over. He asked if they would announce the percentage of the decrease.

The Chairman said he thought Mr. Jones should have sent in a notice of the question beforehand.

Mr. Jones replied that the Secretary was present, and he ought to have known the details beforehand.

Referring to interest shown in the profit and loss account, Mr. Jones asked if that was the difference between the profit on the interest of the mortgage and what was paid out to the bank.

The Chairman said there were quite a number of entries if Mr. Jones would like to look at them.

Sundry Debtors.

Mr. Jones asked if that interest shown was the actual net interest on the loan or whether it was the difference between the income of interest, and the interest paid to the bank on the overdraft.

The Chairman replied it was the net balance in that interest account. Those entries all went into that account and other items as well.

Referring to an item of \$193,000 for sundry debtors, Mr. Jones asked what was the sundry debtors' reserve there, as it was not shown in the balance sheet.

The Chairman replied the auditors did not require any further reserve, because it was not necessary.

Mr. Jones said he thought that investment should be put in the balance sheet, and also particulars of what it was. There was nothing shown about the loan on the mortgage, and there was nothing in the balance sheet to show to whom that loan was to.

The Chairman replied he did not think it was usual to put it in the Company's accounts.

Difference of Opinion.

Mr. Jones—It is usual to put it in the balance sheet. Even now I don't know what it is.

The Chairman said he begged to differ on the point.

Mr. Jones said he was a shareholder with money in the Company, although perhaps only a little, and he was entitled to know where it had gone.

The Chairman remarked that it was not a meeting purely of shareholders, and the Press was present.

Mr. Jones—Then I think the Pressmen might be asked to withdraw.

The Chairman replied that if Mr. Jones cared to visit the office afterwards he might be able to ask the Secretary any further questions.

Mr. Jones—I shall certainly do that.

Mr. Eustace's Work.

The Chairman said that before they left the meeting he would like to mention that Mr. Eustace had retired from the post of managing director at the end of last year.

He would like to take that opportunity to assure him of the appreciation of the directors and shareholders for his efforts on behalf of the Company during his tenure of office.

During the remainder of his stay he would act as an ordinary director.

He would be departing on Home leave in the near future, and he (the Chairman) said he was sure they would join with him in wishing him a successful voyage Home, and a happy retirement.

Mr. Eustace returned thanks.

THE TOTALISATOR.

SIR W. GILBEY SAYS "BOUND TO COME."

The statement of Mr. Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he received a deputation of bookmakers and turf commission agents the other day that there is a growing feeling in favour of the totalisator is endorsed by many people interested in racing, particularly by backers who realise that under this system they would receive the actual odds on the race.

Mr. Churchill complained that the Bets Tax had not been given a fair trial by those concerned.

Should he find that deliberate efforts to defeat the working of the tax are persisted in, he would receive considerable support from leading racehorse owners and prominent figures on the turf in introducing the totalisator. Some of the chief members of the Racecourse Proprietors' Association favour it.

Under the totalisator, or pari-mutuel system of betting, the total amount invested on any race by backers, less the percentage deduction, is divided among those who have backed the winning horse in proportion to the amount of their investments.

Great Britain is one of the few countries that do not take advantage of this valuable source of revenue. Sir Walter Gilbey, a racehorse owner, who has had 50 years' experience of the turf and was one of the principal advocates of the tax on betting, told a press reporter in London that he was convinced that the totalisator is bound to come in this country. He added:

"Used in conjunction with the bookmakers, it would have a stabilising effect on the odds, and would ensure that those who backed would receive the totalisator odds, which become the starting prices for all racing events."

\$7,500 MAIL THEFT.

MAN IN POSTAL UNIFORM.

How a registered mailbag containing among other things \$7,500 in Treasury notes was stolen from Queen-street Post Office, Cardiff, was told last month at Cardiff Police Court when Arthur Ernest Townsend, 40, was charged with stealing the bag and 15 registered postal packets.

Prosecuting counsel said Townsend, an ex-postal employee, received during the war a leg wound which necessitated his wearing a kind of iron. On March 23 he came to the post office in a postman's uniform, signed the receipt forms, and received from a girl assistant the registered postal packets, which he took outside and in a wicker basket similar to those used by the post office. In his excitement he dropped "something" and two girl assistants noticed that in stooping his right leg was stretched out straight.

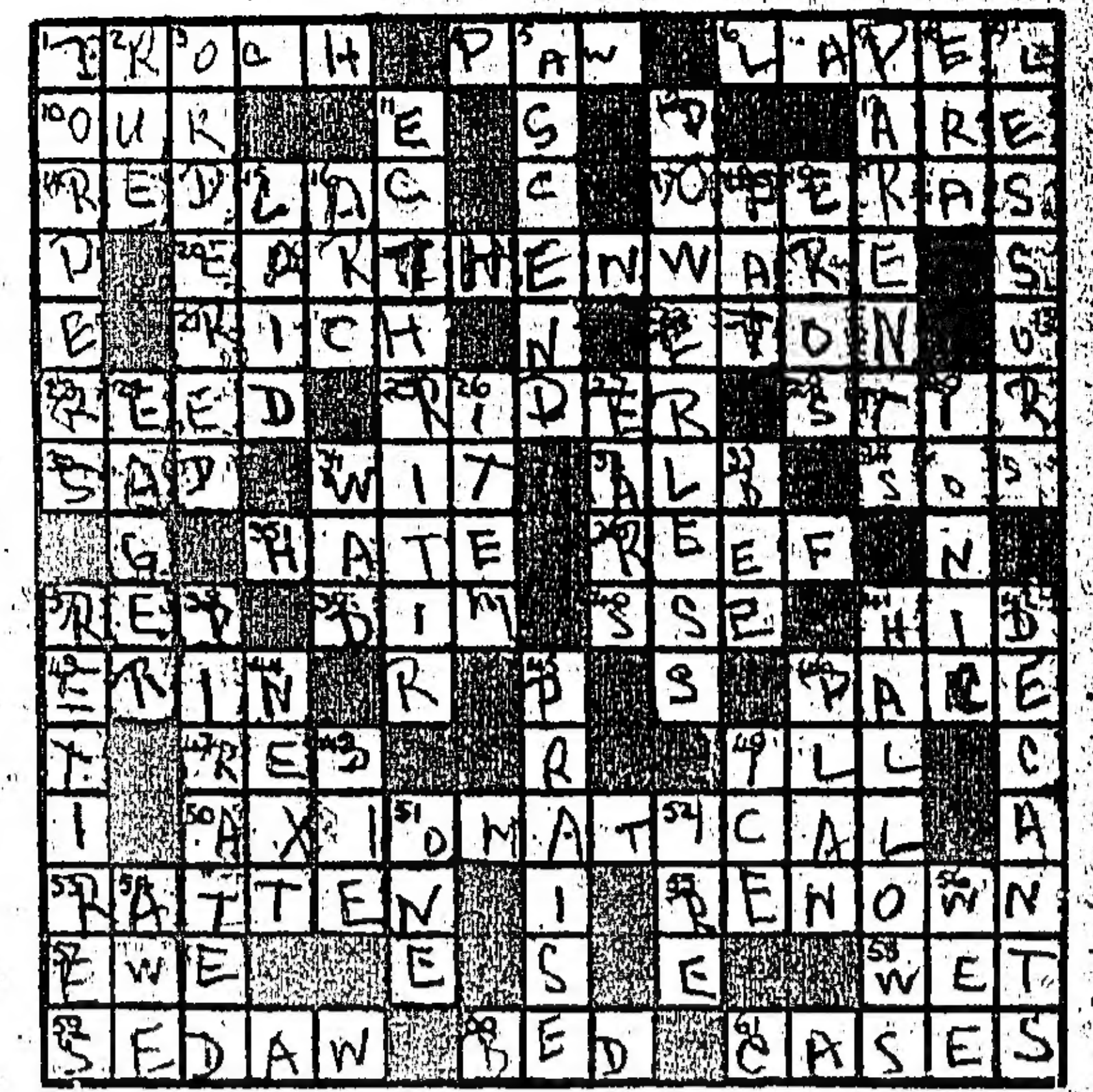
On the following Wednesday the two assistants were placed in Clive-road Post Office, where Townsend drew his Army pension, and the girls recognised him. Acting on instructions, one assistant pushed a document across the counter for Townsend to pick up, but as it fell he caught it. He was arrested by detectives who had been in concealment.

Thomas Edgar Davies, chief cashier of the Midland Bank, Cardiff, told of handing in at Queen-street Post Office two postal packets containing \$7,500 in £1 and 10s. notes, and Miss Maurice, a counter clerk, said she identified Townsend as the man who entered the post office through a private door and told her he was relieving the regular postman for that day only.

Townsend, who pleaded not guilty, was committed for trial, bail being refused.

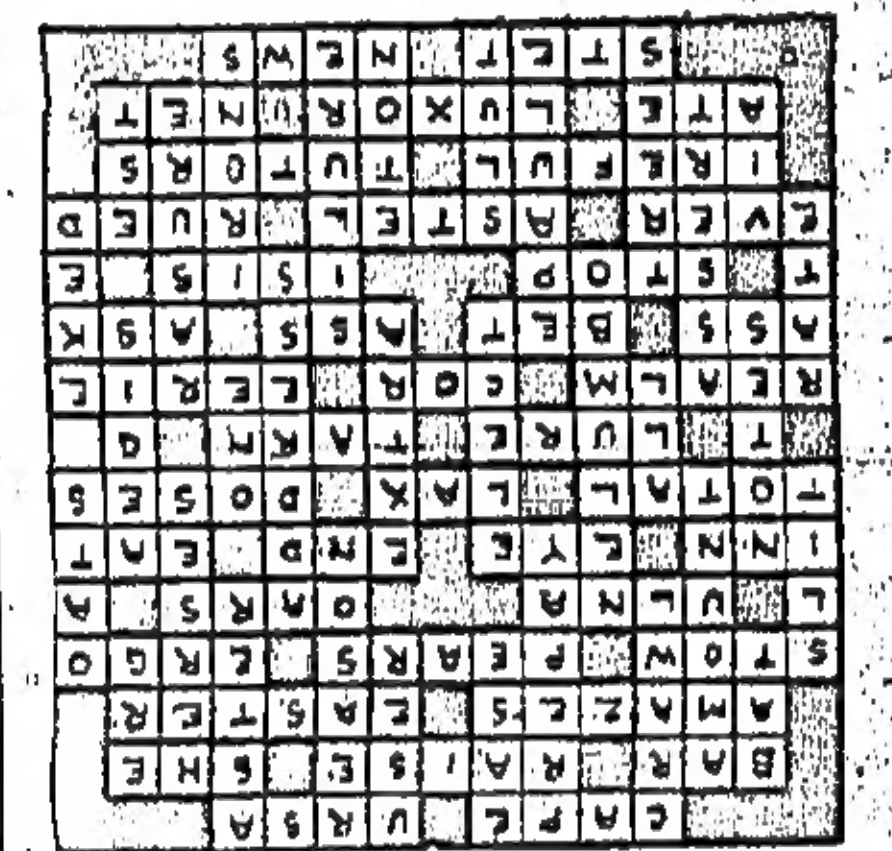
Mr. Kirkhouse Jenkins, who prosecuted, said it was possible there would be another arrest.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- To lie athwart.
 - Animal's foot.
 - Part of a coat.
 - Belonging to us.
 - Exist.
 - Wild tree.
 - Musical works.
 - Pottery.
 - Fruitful.
 - Famous college.
 - Sow.
 - A horseman.
 - Move.
 - Mournful.
 - Intellect.
 - Ecclesiastical vestment.
 - Distress signal.
 - Abhor.
 - Shoul.
 - Dress fabric.
 - Shaded.
 - Point of the compass.
 - Concealed.
 - Ireland.
 - Step.
 - A colour.
 - Sick.
 - Having the character of an axiom.
 - To destroy the tools of machinery.
 - Fame.
 - Female sheep.
 - Drummed.
 - Portable chair.
 - Couch.
 - Boxes.
- Down.
- Circumference.
 - Deputy.
 - Commanded.
 - Move upward.
 - Father and mother.
 - Age.
 - Those who let.
 - Gout.
 - Impotent.
 - Caused to lie.
 - Part of the circumference of a circle.
 - Strike lightly.
 - God of love.
 - Earnest.
 - Paragraph.
 - Organs of hearing.
 - Referring to Ionia.
 - Plumbago.
 - Insect.
 - Withdraws.
 - Stolen.
 - Sanctifies.
 - Pours from one vessel to another.
 - Nearest in place.
 - Laud.
 - Device.
 - Cease to live.
 - Congested water.
 - Single.
 - Anger.
 - Dread.
 - Small.

Saturday's Puzzle.



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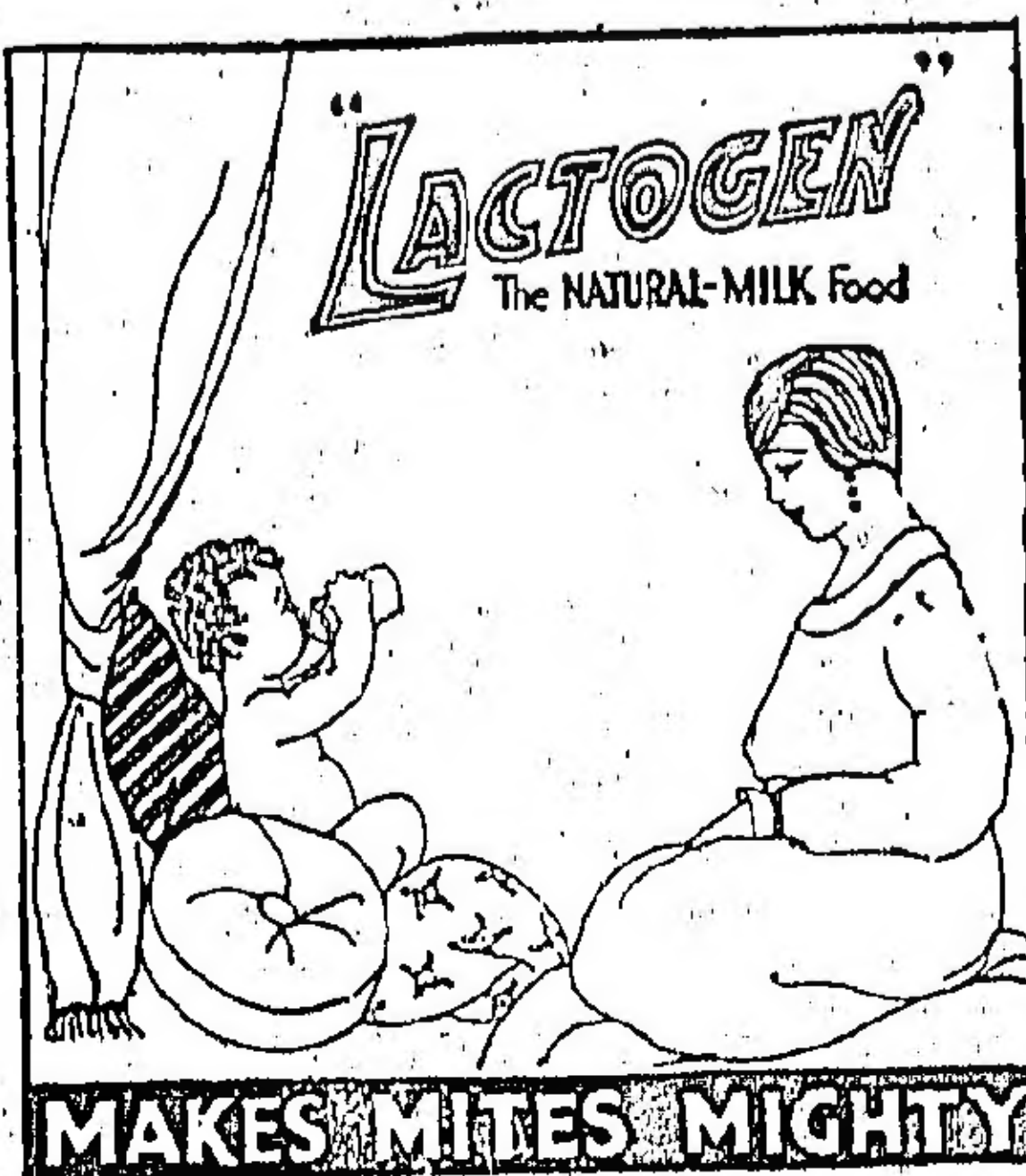
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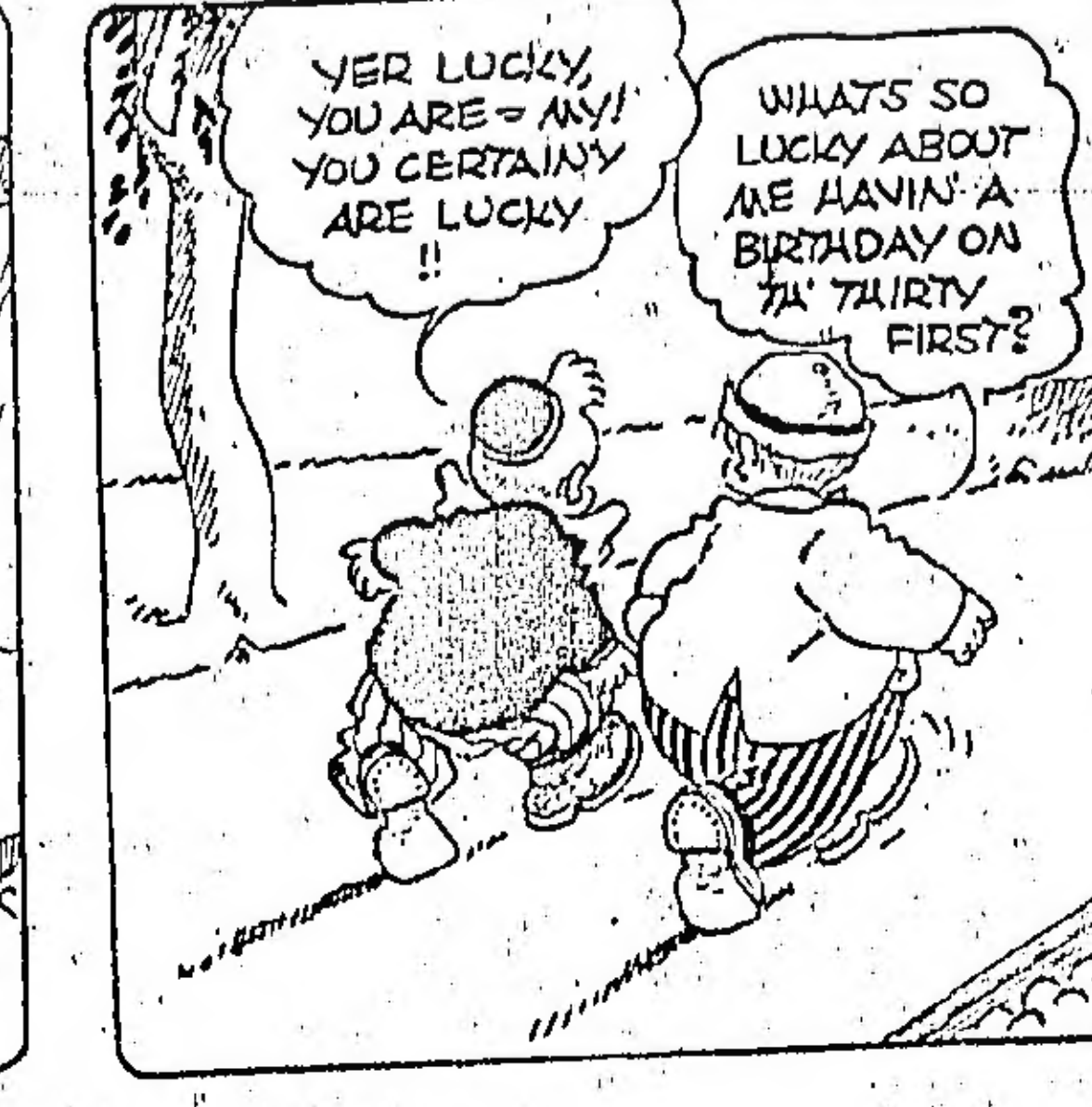
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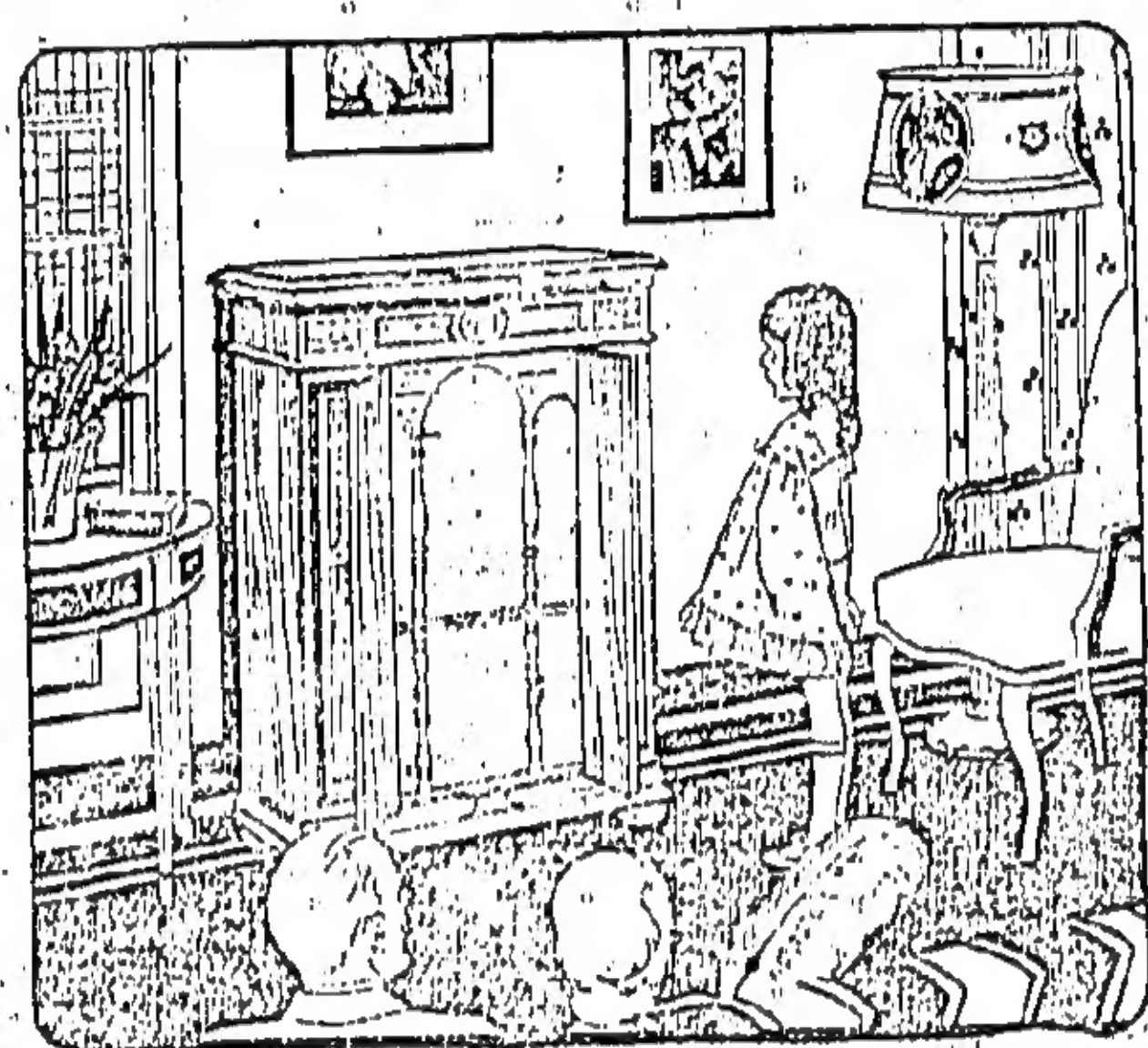
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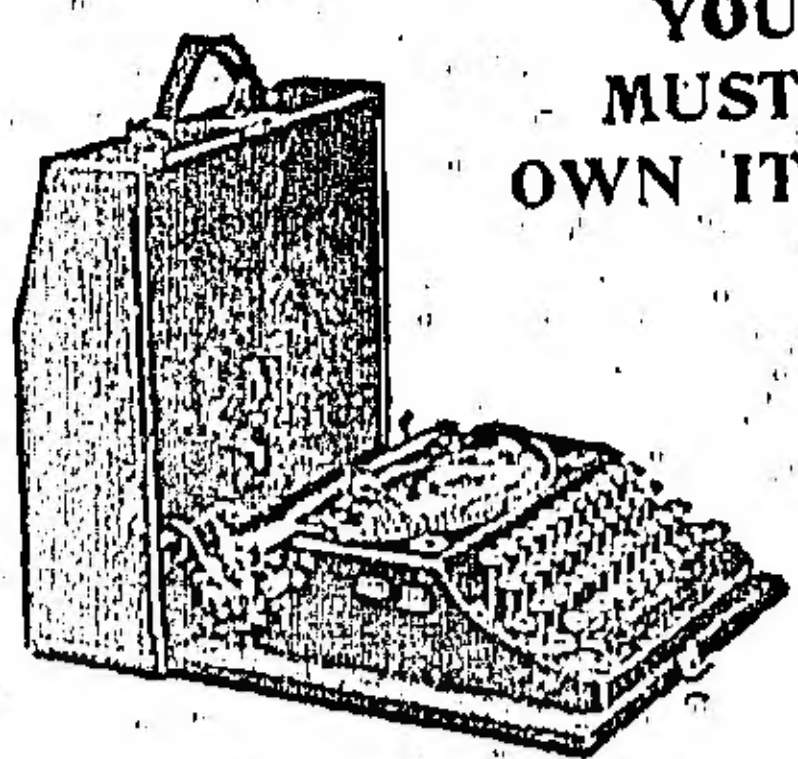
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LOCAL AGRICULTURE.

It is a good many years since the first public interest was aroused in the possibilities of developing the New Territories so as to make of them a rich area of cultivation, capable of supplying the Colony with all its needs so far as the main Chinese food staples were concerned. Later, there arose the question of making more out of the big tracts of available land, to include farming projects, and orcharding enterprises. Much has been done already by pioneers, whose names are well known here, and we have seen the results of their patient work from time to time. Everything has, necessarily, been done on a somewhat small scale, yet, the enthusiasts claim, what they can perform in an acre of land should be possible in a hundred acres. With that goes a great deal of truth, and, provided it can be shown that production of crops is on a scale which can be made actually profitable, apart from the mere successes of experimenters to whom, it may be, expense of production is no immediate object, then there seems no reason why the territories adjacent to the urban districts should not be made productive of fruit, vegetables, and general farm produce on a large scale. At the very least, it appears likely that, organised effort, with the due meed of encouragement from responsible quarters, would enable the Colony to draw upon its own areas for the immediate needs of the masses of the population; a matter which gained prominence during the 1925 boycott, when the shortage of certain food stocks for which we depended on outside territories, was so gravely emphasised.

There has been a revival of interest in this subject lately, and an enthusiastic band of local residents, with the co-operation of Government officials, have been at work both in experimentation and in developing the results of previous successes. Silk production, fruit crops of special types (such as prize bananas, and even figs), and better-quality vegetables, have been made the subject of very successful demonstration in recent years. Now we learn of the possibilities of cotton crops. As will be seen from a report of the activities of the committee who are arranging a New Territories Agricultural Show, there is a great deal of faith in the possibilities offered on the mainland, both as to further products

and as regards the encouragement of Chinese market gardeners to increased efforts and new ventures. Those responsible for the arrangements are to be congratulated, both for their persistence and the satisfactory results already achieved. No doubt, there is bound to be an awakening of general public interest in the matter by means of a practical demonstration such as a show entails. This is a preliminary step. There follows the necessity for sustained effort, and the tackling of problems such as consideration as to how much actual territory is available for the projects in hand. It is not easy to tell at present whether much land capable of development as orchards, for instance, is readily obtainable. Such knotty problems as suitability of soil, site, drainage, and so forth, also arise, quite apart from general climatic considerations. Then, it is a matter for demonstration whether some form of stock farming, such, especially, as poultry raising on a vast scale, would not offer better facilities and more satisfying results. However, none of these questions can be solved except by actual trial over a fair period, and the pioneers who are now labouring in the cause are to be commended, and their efforts on behalf of the community call for every encouragement. They deserve to meet with final and gratifying success.

Germany's Plan.

It is now getting on for 13 years ago since the happening of the incidents that eventually led up to the outbreak of the Great War, and it is, by virtue of the lapse of time, becoming more and more an easy matter to study those incidents dispassionately and draw correct conclusions as to who were the diplomats of the various European countries, mostly at fault and, therefore, responsible for the outbreak of hostilities. Germany has always been resentful of the charge that she was primarily responsible for the war, and although it is not desired here to go into the arguments on which she bases that repudiation, it is worthy of note that a very important book has just been written on the subject by Dr. Luz, of Berlin, mainly in reply to certain statements made by Viscount Grey in his book of reminiscences "Twenty-five Years." Dr. Luz sets out to prove that Viscount Grey does not tell the full story of those very tense days between July 20th, and August 4th, 1914, and that, by reason of these omissions, he leaves a false impression. On the vital matter of the mobilisation—the last act which made war inevitable—Dr. Luz states what is now known to all the world, namely, that Russia mobilised first against Austria, that Austria mobilised next, and that it was not until the late afternoon of July 31st, that any German order for mobilisation was given. The complaint of Dr. Luz is that Viscount Grey omits this from his book, though he, as Head of the British Foreign Office, must have known it. In other particulars, too, there is a want of complete frankness and fairness to Germany, says Dr. Luz. There is, apparently, little or no question of Britain's responsibility, because Britain did not come in until after war had actually started, but there is, for the whole of the German race, the very important question of why they assert it is unfairly blamed for prime responsibility. Perhaps it is not quite realised how deeply and sincerely the people of Germany resent the charge—a charge which ought by now to be capable of dispassionate and historical investigation. If over the peoples of Europe are to allow the breach of the Great War to heal completely, they must settle this matter of war guilt in the light of historical truth, and for that purpose something more is needed in the way of an enquiry than has been held up to the present.

CHINA PROVIDENTS.

BUSINESS AT SATURDAY'S MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Company held on Saturday at the office of the General managers, Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., the adoption of the report was proposed by the chairman, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, seconded by Mr. F. M. Crawford, and carried nem. con. Mr. Barker proposed and Mr. Cleland seconded the confirmation of the appointment to the Board of Messrs. A. L. Alves and T. B. Wilson. The retiring directors, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. C. B. Brooke were re-elected. Messrs. Linstead and Davies, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,000 each.

DAY BY DAY.

HE WHO WAS TAUGHT ONLY BY HIMSELF HAD A FOOL FOR A MASTER.
—Ben Jonson.

The P. and O. s.s. Devanah, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on Saturday.

The San Nam Hoi, after over-haul, resumes her place on the Kongmoon run this afternoon.

The B.I. s.s. Santhia is due to leave Amoy for Hongkong tomorrow and is expected here on Wednesday evening.

The Talamba from Singapore reports one leper on board among the 1,300 deck passengers embarked at the southern port.

The marriage of Mr. R. H. M. Ody, of Canton, and Miss Anne Wain, of Philadelphia, took place at St. John's Cathedral, on Saturday.

A Chinese was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday with leg injuries, received through jumping off a moving bus at Chatham Road.

It has been reported to the police that money and property to the value of \$140 was stolen, during the week-end, from No. 5B, Chancery Lane.

The Kwangchow from Swatow carried 22,000 passengers, the crew of s.s. Kiangchow of the China Navigation Company, from leave during the ship's docking.

Mr. R. J. Cullins, an engineer, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday suffering from injuries received in a fall down the stairs in the Savoy Hotel.

The s.s. Pakhoi, a Hongkong and Wuchow cargo boat, while on her voyage from Wuchow, went aground near the mouth of the Samshui River on Thursday night, reports a vernacular paper.

A trafficker in Macao lottery tickets was fined \$50 by Major C. Williams this morning for being in possession of 72 of these tickets, which were found by a waterflea searcher concealed in one of his shoes.

From Yaumati, another case has been reported of a Chinese woman attempting to commit suicide by swallowing a large dose of opium. The woman was removed from her home at No. 31, Parke Street, on Saturday, in a serious state.

Mrs. Pearce, of No. 406, The Peak, was bitten yesterday by a ferocious dog owned by Mrs. "Creasy." The dog was removed to Kennedy Town for observation, together with Mrs. Pearce's dog which had come into contact with the terrier.

Fatal injuries were received by a cargo-coolie as the result of a fall from the s.s. Hydrangea, on which he was working, on to a cargo boat alongside. The man died at the Kwong Wah Hospital some hours after admission, on Saturday.

Two armed men broke into the home of a widow at Shapo, on the island of Apilehau, last night, and after intimidating the woman and her family with a show of revolvers, ransacked the place and later escaped with property amounting to \$150 in value.

Three Chinese, alleged to have been concerned in the armed robbery committed at No. 97, Kowloon City Road on Friday last, were remanded for one week, on their appearance before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. About \$20 worth of stolen property has been recovered.

While riding on a motor-trailer proceeding along Tai-O Street, Samshui, on Saturday, a coolie employed at the Kowloon Tong Estate, was thrown off his seat and was seriously injured when the wheels of the vehicle passed over his body. He was taken, in a critical condition, to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The Spring Vaccination campaign in Canton has closed with better results than in previous years, says the Canton Gazette. According to reports to the City Bureau of Health, 21,000 tubes of vaccine were prepared, of which 17,000 were used for vaccination. The total number of persons vaccinated was 51,624.

Five more bodies were picked up on Saturday by the Water Police in the vicinity of the Leung Kwong disaster. Continuing the search yesterday, the police also recovered the remains of four other victims. During the two days, nine dead bodies taken to the Mortuary were identified as being those of passengers on the ill-fated vessel.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

PRESENTATIONS TO MISS MIDDLETON SMITH.

In honour of Miss Middleton Smith, the Principal of St. Stephen's Girls' College, who is leaving for Home by the s.s. Morea on May 29th, a farewell concert was held at the Kwok Siu Lau Hall on Saturday evening, when there was a large attendance of students and representatives of educational institutions in the Colony. Although there was seating accommodation for 700, many had to stand.

Those present included Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Dr. S. W. Tso and Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Miss Li Luk-wa, the head girl, was responsible for the concert which was much enjoyed.

During the evening two trunks, one carved blackwood trunk with stand, and a rosewood trunk with stand, were presented to Miss Smith by Miss Li Luk-wa on behalf of the students. In making the presentation she referred to the untiring efforts Miss Smith made on behalf of the college and added that they hoped to welcome her back.—(Applause).

An address in Chinese was read by Miss Diana Hall, the English being rendered by Miss Helen Wu, in which reference was made to Miss Smith's faithful work, and the fact that she was mainly responsible for such a fine college building.

In replying, Miss Middleton Smith said her sadness was turned to great joy because she felt that the friendship that existed between them would stand the strain of separation and continue for years to come. She expressed thanks to Mr. Lo Kwan-shun, the head Chinese master, the staff for their co-operation, the girls for their obedience and helpfulness, and for their gifts, and also parents for their support. She concluded by assuring them that if she was unable to return there would always be a warm welcome waiting for any of them who might visit England.—(Applause).

CHINESE CLAN CLASH.

HOKLOS AND PUNTIS IN COURT.

Police witnesses describing a disorderly affair which occurred in the Western district yesterday, said that as many as a hundred Chinese were engaged in a battle royal between what appeared to be two factions of Hoklos and Puntis.

The fight was carried into a shop near by, much to the discomfort of an aged shop-keeper, who told the Magistrate this morning that he was beaten black and blue and had a white jacket, which he produced, torn to shreds. He also said that very unwillingly he was dragged into the conflict, and had to fight for self-preservation.

Besides the shopman, a second Puntis and four Hoklos were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with disorderly behaviour. The Puntis said that he was attacked in the first instance, and used his bamboo smoke-pipe in defence.

Four Chinese policemen, who made the arrests, gave evidence. They all testified to having met with considerable resistance in the execution of their duty. One of them said that one of the Hoklos bit his hand.

After hearing another statement, his Worship observed that it appeared to him as if the Hoklos were the aggressors. He fined the four Hoklos \$5, and bound them over. The two Puntis were not fined, but were also bound over, in a sum of \$50, to keep the peace.

OBITUARY.

OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY.

It is with much regret that many old residents will have learned of the death of Mrs. Alex. Rodger, news of which has recently been received in the Colony.

The late Mrs. Rodger, whose husband was for many years the manager of the China Sugar Refinery, first came to the Colony in the early eighties and left here in 1915, when her husband retired. Since then Mrs. Rodger had resided at Kiri, Argylshire, where she passed away on the 9th inst. after a lingering illness, survived by her husband and five daughters, two of whom are unmarried.

Four daughters of the late Mrs. Rodger were married in Hongkong, namely the late Mrs. William Nicholson, Mrs. T. E. Pearce (who was at Home when her mother died), Mrs. P. S. Cassidy, and Mrs. G. B. Dunnett.

The Very Idea!

Football followers in Edinburgh were alarmed by a persistent rumour that a match between the Heart of Midlothian and Aberdeen at Tynecastle had had to be postponed.

It was alleged that the members of the Aberdeen team had refused to travel on hearing that it was a "Flag Day in Edinburgh."

"I've never made a speech," said he. And then this nervy guy just talked and talked till he'd made up For all the years gone by.

Woman at Clerkenwell County Court: I shall tell you the truth, sir. Registrar Friend: Then I shall send for some brandy.

Solicitor at Bow County Court: You are not married? Woman: Married! I grew up with mother and father and saw their lives; no, thank you.

Berkshire magistrate: Which of these women hit your mother? Boy: Please, sir, the one with the Eton top.

Man at Thames Police Court: I had some spirits and they overtook me. Mr. Cairns, magistrate: I have heard of spirits following people.

A Lincolnshire domestic servant who stole a sovereign said that it was the first coin of that kind she had seen.

A man who was unable to appear at Willesden wrote: I should be obliged by hearing the magistrate's decision. Magistrate: Pleased to oblige. Tell him "24."

Policeman, of a man accused at the Thames Court of being drunk: He came to the police station and said, "I cannot go any further." Mr. Cairns, magistrate: A good wheeze.

The great novelty and fascination for the Rio De Janeiro theatregoers are at present "girls," American and English chorus girls and quite a number of Latin girls, who are doing fairly well as imitators of their American and English sisters.

Things started for the box office recently when a troupe of American chorus girls arrived in Rio after a stand of a few months in Buenos Aires vaudeville houses. The troupe was advertised locally as "As nove 'Girls' Americanas," the "girls" being left in the original English. The word "girls" was soon coined by the Brazilians to mean, as one newspaper put it, "Anything young and feminine, happy and knowing a few words in English, almost naked and almost pretty, exceptionally nice, and to be seen, heard and delighted in."

Disease is just as prevalent now as fifty years ago.—Sir James Barr.

The English elector has a political sense which is almost uncanny.—Sir Robert Horne.

We often secretly nurse small injustices because we ourselves have similar failings.—Miss Maude Roydon.

The old belief that the House of Commons is the Guardian of the public purse is now an unreality.—Lord Hugh Cecil.

The theatre is dangerously ill. The gods of our time are petrol, eggs, butter, wheat prices, and railway shares.—Mme. Branson.

Mr. Henpeck (buying new overcoat)—"I can't wear this, Maria, it's three sizes too big."

Mrs. Henpeck—"I can't help that! Remember it's got to go over the radiator of the car in cold weather, and that's what we've got to consider first."

Mr. Will A. Page, giving evidence in the New Law Courts, described Mr. Bernard Shaw as a "publicity seeker." It is a charge to which there can be no defence. Mr. Shaw has sought publicity in Hyde Park, on the platform, in the papers, in his plays and books; and he has got perhaps more than he wants. The worst of seeking fame in one's youth is that one sometimes has it in old age.

The Nellore took a number of Hongkong people home, including Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Keeton, Mrs. C. Aubrey, Miss A. E. de Dyer, Mr. M. H. Hourihan, Mr. McEwen and Mr. R. McEwen. Several officers arrived on the Nellore from Shanghai. Among them were Colonel H. Ensor, C. B. C.M.G., D.S.O., Major Patlow, R. W. Leach, Group Capt. E. D. Robertson, Flying Officer Hamilton and Lieut. Grey. Mr. H. W. Ray, who has been on a trip to the North, also returned on the Nellore.

LOSING SOVIET.

ITS HUMILIATION IN CHINA.

AMERICAN OBSERVER'S VIEWS.

The Russian Government has been forced into a position of humiliation threatening its influence with the Cantonese administration by the raid on the Soviet office in Peking recently wrote Mr. J. W. T. Mason, for the United Press. Ordinarily such a violation of diplomatic usage would be tantamount to a declaration of war but Russia is unable to accept the challenge and is compelled to swallow the indignity.

The Moscow bolsheviks have protested against the insult in a mild note which the Russian official newspapers interpret as showing Russia's love for peace. As a matter of fact, the inability of Russia to protect herself against Chinese raiders in Peking is the most serious blow to Russia's plans in the Far East that has happened since Moscow began its move to dominate South China's foreign policy. The break between the communists and the conservatives among the South Chinese has grown wider since the affair in Peking and there are increasing indications that the bolshevik Chinese are finding increasing difficulty in extending their authority.

Russian bolshevism which has exerted much influence upon the course of events in South China cannot expect to continue to hold the respect of the Chinese while it is unable to protect its national honour in Peking. "Face" is all-powerful in China. The Chinese cannot respect those who lose "face" and a Chinaman will go to any extreme in order to save his dignity and the outward marks of his position. Russia has lost "face" by the Peking episode and even more by the reluctance of Moscow to make a major incident out of the insult. When Peking can demand a foreign nation with impunity the rest of China is not likely to put much faith in that nation's competence.

If Russia could now declare war on North China because of the violation of diplomatic immunity in Peking, and could send a punitive expedition to demand redress, Moscow would at once become the paramount power in China. But such a move is impossible. Not only is the Moscow Government incompetent to conduct hostilities at such a distance but if the attempt were made, Japan would have to prevent the Russians using Manchuria to reach Peking and no other feasible route is open.

If Manchuria were made free to a Russian advance, Japan would see her own flank endangered, for once the master in Peking, Russia would not be likely to depart without assuring to herself a strong position in Manchuria. Japan's national existence would thus be threatened and there is no doubt but that the Tokyo Government would be compelled by the pressure of public opinion to declare war on Russia, if necessary to maintain the integrity of Manchuria.

The Bolsheviks in Moscow know this fact and they realize how grave would be their position if they embarked on an aggressive campaign and were defeated at the hands of the Japanese, as there is every reason for believing they would be. The fall of the communist administration in Russia would probably result quickly and those now in power in Moscow have to flee or face execution at the hands of a new Slav government. No large country in Europe, not even Germany, is less prepared for a major conflict than Russia. The Germans, if given a free hand, could quickly improvise a formidable fighting force and German military genius could overcome the handicap of lack of supplies within a very short time. But Russia has no such leadership and no such discipline.

So, those in authority at Moscow have had to take the lesser of two evil courses and bow before the North Chinese. To have permitted to develop into an inevitable conflict would have been to march straight to defeat, not only in the field but also at home. The Peking raid, therefore, in a way has pricked the bubble of Russian pretensions in China. Henceforth, less and less is likely to be heard of Soviet control over China's destiny. The Russians played a daring game in trying to carry bolshevik propaganda against both North China and the western powers within the very bounds of the diplomatic immunity zone in Peking. But they have lost and the decline of their influence is now inevitable.

The weather forecast up till noon to-morrow, according to the Royal Observatory report, is: "South or variable winds, moderate; generally fair, fog in the morning."

THE WAR STRAIN IN SHANSI.

HARDSHIPS REFLECTED ON AGRICULTURE.

END OF PEASANT FARMER?

Visitors to Shansi often remark on the peacefulness and prosperity that still prevails in this Province, writes the Taiyuan (Shansi) correspondent of the P. and T. Times. How then can there be "war strain?" It is nearly a year since there was any fighting, and that was not very prolonged. But even Shansi has felt the strain of the conditions that prevail all over the country. And in an agricultural province this strain is more easily felt than in the great commercial and industrial centres.

This year's taxes were collected last year. Next year's will soon be required. But in addition to the ordinary taxes, there are special taxes imposed to meet the long-continued strain of the military preparations. There is a military levy, at so much per acre, to be paid by all land-owners. There are other expenses which the peasant farmers have had to meet, connected with the supply of men and animals for transport purposes. The result of this is beginning to be apparent, and is rather serious. One hears of cases in which farmers find that it is not paying to farm their own land. The total costs involved, including ordinary and special taxation, hire of any extra labour that may be needed (at enhanced rates, owing to the shortage of skilled labourers), are much higher than formerly. Then on the other side, the prices for grain and flour are less, owing to the fact that export is not easy because of the disturbed conditions on the railways.

Small Returns. So it comes to this: In some cases, the net return from a small farm is not enough to provide for the family expenses. If they hold enough grain for their own consumption, they do not gain enough money to meet taxation &c. If they sell grain to pay taxes, the remainder is not enough to feed the family. In some cases, farms are being rented out to others, because the owners feel they cannot make their land pay.

What is going to be the experience of those who work such farms? How are they going to make any present conditions continue? Are we seeing the beginnings of the change from the peasant-farmer age? There is the possibility of the most momentous change wrapped up in these long-continued preparations for the defence of the Province.

Business people are also feeling the strain. A sort of Capital levy is being imposed, at the rate of 25% on the assessed amount of the capital of the business. If the Province can be spared from fighting, and all this follows, then business men see in this sort of insurance policy that is worth while paying. But not all look at things in this way, and this new levy is not entirely popular.

It is quite possible that these factors are determining the policy of keeping friends with all, and of taking sides with none, since the preservation of peace is by far the best thing for the Province.

THE EDUCATION JOURNAL.

CLEVER UNIVERSITY PRODUCTION.

The official organ of the Hong Kong University Education Society, "The Education Journal," makes its second appearance, with a number that is packed from cover to cover with most informative matter, every article exhibiting careful thought and considerable learning. It is one of the best productions we have seen from the University, and the high standard reflects the greatest credit on all concerned.

Of the series of essays, contributed by members of the staff as well as the student body, a very interesting one is on "Education as a Factor of Citizenship," by the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. W. W. Hornell, whilst Professor W. Brown is responsible for a lengthy study entitled "Some Thoughts on the Life and Work of a Teacher." The Chinese contributions include a "Short History of Chinese Educational Institutions, B.C. 225—A.D. 220," by Mr. Tseng Chao-hua, and a translation (by Mr. Lam Tung, B.A.), of Dr. Tsai Yuan-pei's memorandum on the new educational policy of the Chinese Republic. Other authors of essays and articles in this issue are, Professor T. Forster, Mr. Leung Pin-hing, Mr. G. W. Keeton, Mr. Yuen Kwok-huen, B.A. Mr. H. Braga, Professor Earle, Mr. Kam Wai-kai, and Mr. Lau Hok-tsun. At the commencement is a cleverly translated poem, by G.W.D.T. from the Chinese of Tu Fu (A.D. 712—770). There is also a series of reviews.

ALLEGED THREATS.

SEQUEL TO "SQUEEZING" CASE.

On Saturday morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell sentenced two men, who were charged with demanding money from truck coolies with threats, to six months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch. The men were said to be members of a gang who by their threats "squeeze" as much as twenty cents of the unlicensed truck coolies' earnings.

A sequel to Saturday's case arose in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's court this morning. Sub-Inspector Shaftain prosecuted three men who were charged with threatening certain Chinese.

The first man was brought before the Magistrate and the complainant was one of the witnesses in the case heard on Saturday. He said that the defendant had met him in a tea house and had offered him \$5 if he did not go up and give evidence. On Saturday afternoon he was met by defendant, who asked him what he meant by giving evidence.

Transfer of Trial. At this stage Mr. Lindsell observed that he felt he could not try the case, as he thought his mind was bound to be prejudiced. The case was accordingly transferred to Major Willson's court, where it was adjourned until Wednesday afternoon.

It appears that Sub-Inspector Shaftain had foreseen the step which members of this intimidating gang would take, and he accordingly caused men to be posted at every point where an affray might take place. The result of this was the arrest of the three men.

DAY BY DAY.

A Sanitary Department lorry-driver has reported to the police that while proceeding along Connaught Road near Wing Lok Street, yesterday, he collided with a tramcar, damaging his off-side mudguard.

There were four fresh cases of typhoid fever reported over the week-end; three being Chinese and one an Indian. There were also two cases of small-pox and one case of relapsing fever (imported).

At the Marine Court this morning, the master of a cargo boat pleaded guilty to mooring his craft in the Taikoktsui Cable Reserve, and was fined \$10, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

Mr. W. C. Lyle, the Australian golf professional, is at present suffering from indisposition which has necessitated his admission to the Government Civil Hospital. Mr. Lyle hopes to be able to resume his lessons from next week-end.

The B.L. liner Talamba was unable to berth at Kowloon Wharf on arrival on Sunday morning owing to low water, but came alongside this morning. The President Lincoln was also unable to berth for the same reason this morning, and remains at a buoy until sailing.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

Beginning to-day, we propose to publish every day a list of general knowledge questions, such as have become popular features in so many English and American daily newspapers.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1.—Who was John Huss?
- 2.—What is a cantilever?
- 3.—Who was the first man to use a mechanical printing press?
- 4.—When did George Borrow first go to Spain?
- 5.—Who wrote "Draper's Letters"?
- 6.—What is the name and emblem of the Muse of Tragedy?
- 7.—What admiral sailed with a broom at the masthead?
- 8.—Who is the "Father of the House of Commons"?
- 9.—Who was the first king to use "Fidel Defensor" as a title?
- 10.—What was the Boston Tea Party?
- 11.—Who was Lao-Tze?
- 12.—Who is the artist of the Royal Artillery Memorial?
- 13.—Who said "We shall this day light such a candle by God's light as shall never be put out?"
- 14.—What is a curio?
- 15.—What regiment wears the badge of Catherine of Braganza, a Paschal lamb?



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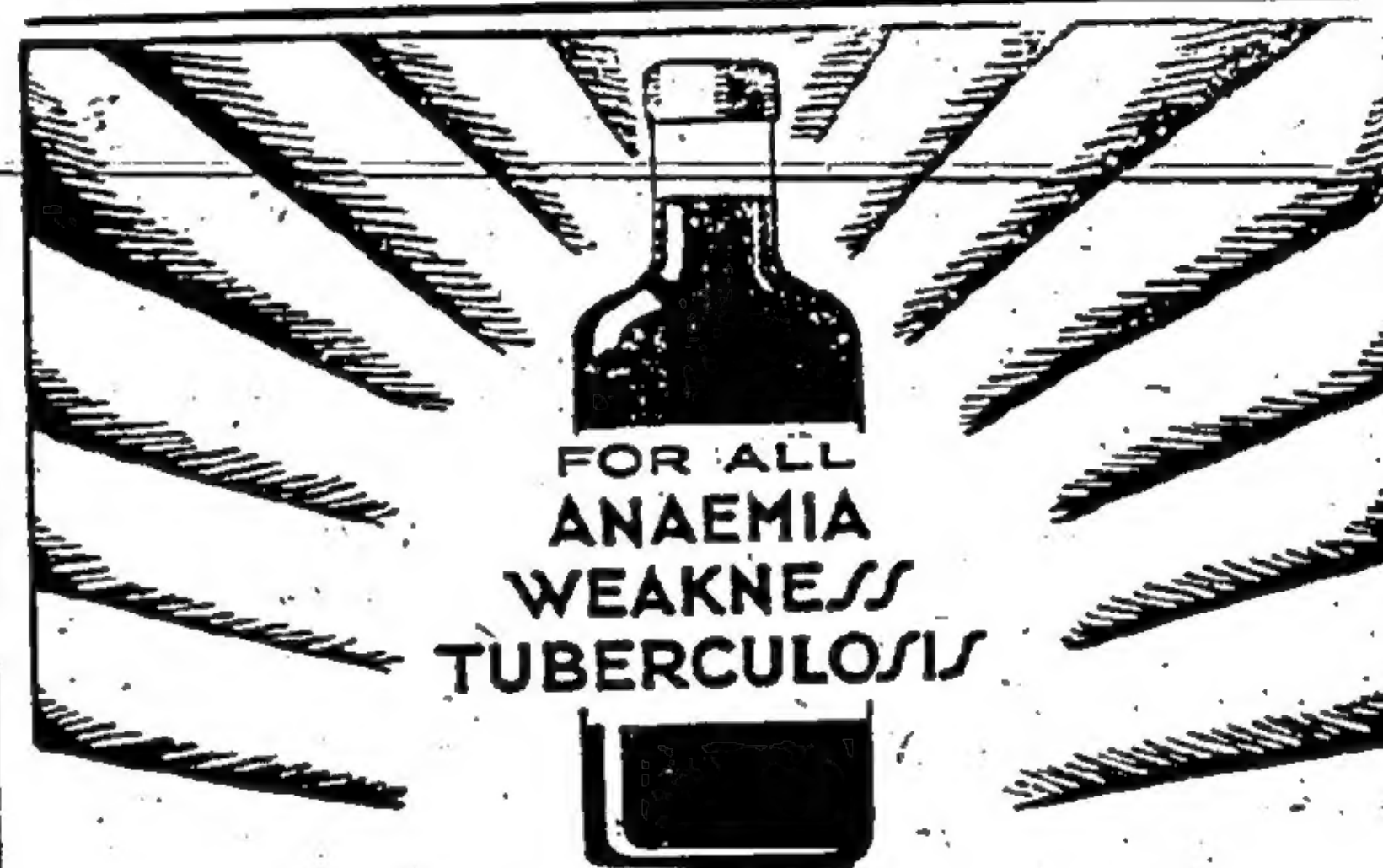
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A gallant rescue was effected by a Chinese when a woman passenger fell overboard from the Shamsui ferry, Man Hing, in midstream yesterday. It is stated that as soon as the alarm was raised, he jumped into the water and managed to keep himself and the woman afloat until both were taken back to the launch. He told the police that he was without employment.

On June 3rd there will be a reception at Government House at 9.30 p.m. in honour of His Majesty the King's Birthday. The dress to be worn at the reception by civilian guests, will be white shell jackets, orders and decorations.

Saturday's health return contained three cases of enteric fever, and one of cerebro spinal fever, all Chinese.

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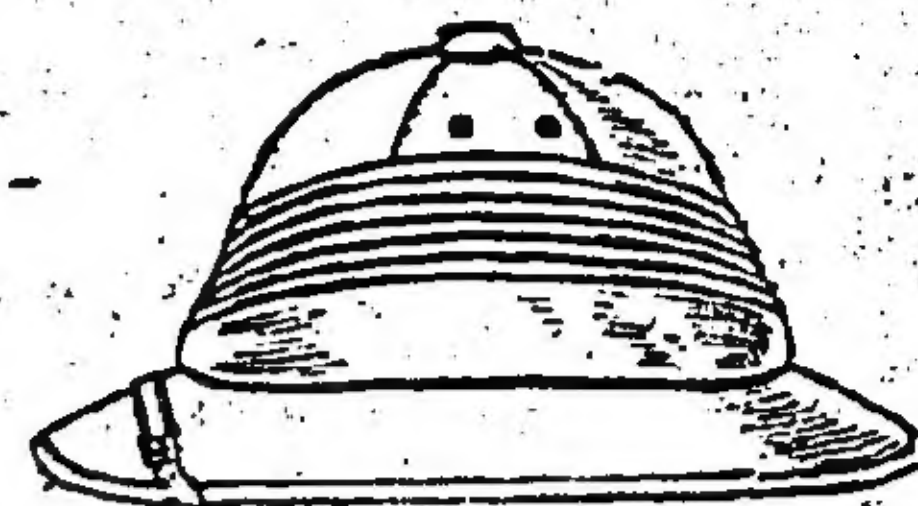
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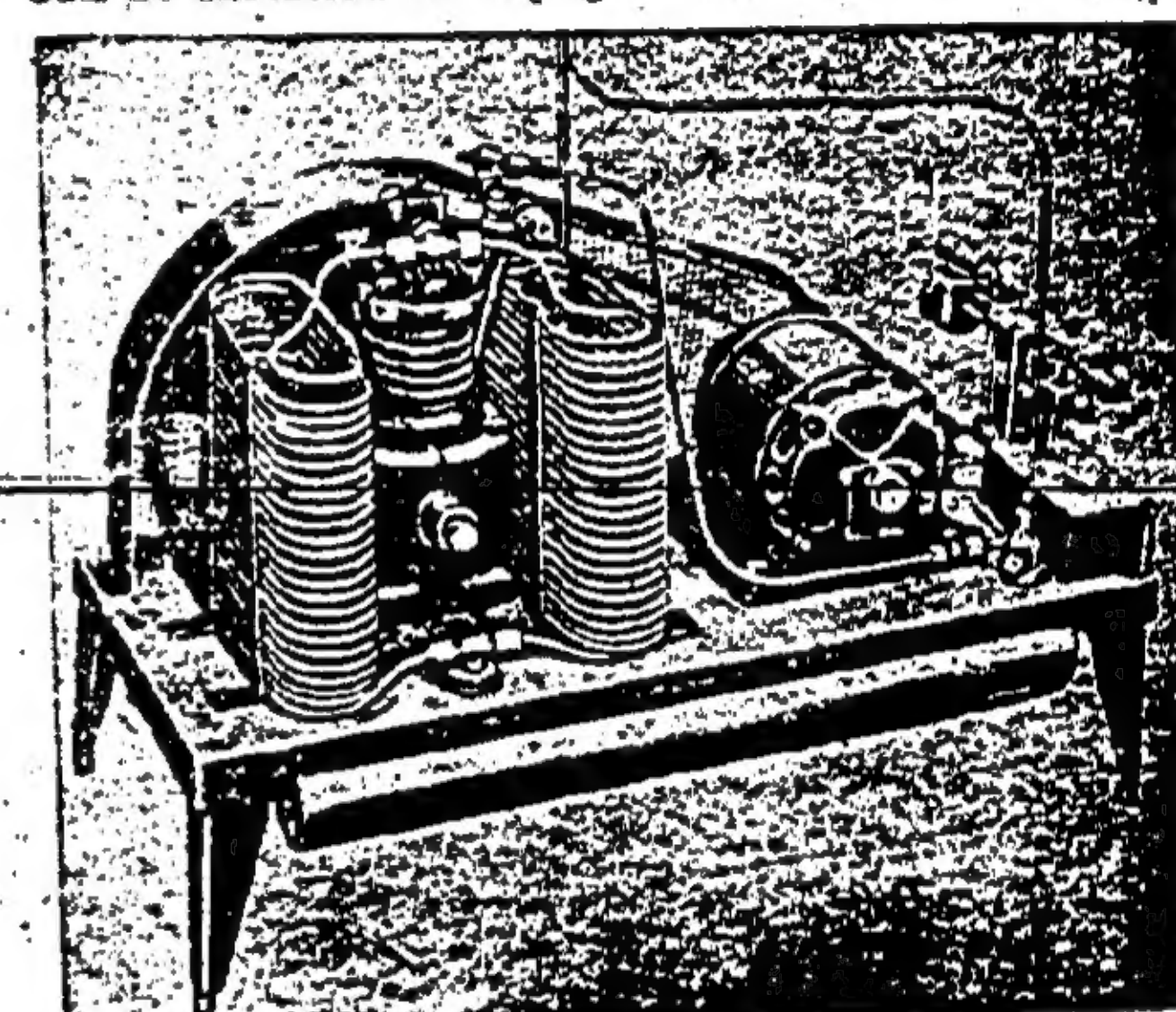
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LAWN TENNIS.

SECOND ROUND OF DAVIS CUP.

Liabon, May 14. In the second round of the Davis Cup Germany eliminated Portugal winning three matches.—*Reuter.*

Washer beat Hunter 3-6, 8-10, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3. The latter replaced Van den Denden who sprained his foot early in the match and was unable to continue.

Tilden and Hunter beat Washer and Botsford 7-5, 8-6, 5-4.—*Reuter.*

World Championships. At the Prince's Club, London in the world professional real tennis championship G. Covey, the holder, beat P. Etchebarri of France by seven sets to four.—*Reuter.*

CHAMBERS'S MEMBER.

ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. Owen Hughes was nominated as the Chamber's representative on the Legislative Council on the proposition of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

This is the only nomination that has been received within the prescribed period for lodging proposal forms.

A fisherman who was trying his luck in the vicinity of an oyster bed near St. Mulo brought up in his net a quantity of shells, one of which contained a magnificent pearl. He proposes to send it to Paris to be examined by an expert.

LAWN BOWLS.

VICTORIES FOR HOME TEAMS.

Seven matches were played in the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League on Saturday afternoon, three in the first division and four in the second division, and in each instance the home team won. In most cases the games were very evenly contested, and the victors had to be content with a small margin of points.

Details follow:

Division I.	
Craigengower C. C. v. K. B. G. C.	
Played at Craigengower.	
F. J. Neves	J. Smith
D. Fritz	W. P. J. Gorvin
C. M. S. Alves	F. Goodwin
U. M. Omar	16 J. Gibson
13	
W. B. Muskett	E. Kern
M. A. R. Souza	W. W. Hirst
C. Bennett	J. Hyde
R. Bann	23 A. G. Pile
8	
R. F. Luz	R. Abraham
C. S. Rossetti	H. Overy
E. et Arculli	C. J. Tacchi
D. Rumbahn	21 W. Hill
17	
50	38

Police R. C. v. Civil Service C. C.

Played at Police R. C.	
Collins	Beattie
Hollands	Taylor
West	Oswick
14	
Glendinning	Maughan
Whant	Westlake
Bachmann	Keegan
Moss	22 Denkin
22	
Greenwood	Smith
Markis	Lambie
Reid	Hodgins
Mair	25 Pendered
20	
25	56

WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

TEAM RACE WON BY SURREY ATHLETIC CLUB.

St. Albans, May 14.

T. Lloyd Johnson, of the Surrey Athletic Club won the twenty miles National road walking championship in 2 hours 55 minutes 53 seconds. His club won the team race.—*Reuter.*

Kowloon D. R. C. v. K. B. G. C.

Played at Kowloon Dock.

Atkinson	Headley
Kempston	Dobbie
Cullen	Chapman
J. C. Brown	33 Farrell
16	
Greig	Hazel
Nelson	Harvey
Melagran	Duncan
Gray	17 Russell
22	
Lapsley	Muir
Ramsay	Macell
Lindsay	Holland
Gourlay	13 Macfarlane
63	

Division II.

Recreio v. Craigengower.

Played at Club de Recreio.	
C. Vyas	Modi
F. Ribeiro	W. Nicholson
P. Yanovich	A. A. Razack
J. Ribeiro	27 L. A. Roza
17	
J. Ribeiro	Coates
F. X. Silva	Lely
C. Silva	Hartman
L. C. Souza	21 Brightman
12	
E. V. Souza	D. K. Khuras
E. M. Remedios	Williams
C. E. Marques	Beer
R. Ribeiro	22 Knott
70	

Taikoo v. East-Point.

Played at Taikoo R.C.	
H. Maxwell	F. G. Samway
F. Doyle	R. W. Williamson
D. Walmsley	R. McKellar
C. Matthews	19 R. W. Lee
20	
J. Sloan	G. M. Shaw
D. Speirs	A. Webster
D. Munro	R. Whiteford
H. Dinneen	18 A. T. Hamilton
19	
T. Grimes	S. Baker
W. Warnock	G. Vickers
J. Chalmers	A. K. Henderson
H. McKechnie	21 H. M. McTavish
11	
60	60

C. S. C. C. v. R. H. K. Y. C.

Played at Civil Service C.C.	
Eccleshall	Williamson
Rose	Vaux
Haynes	Greig
Brown	26 Davies
20	
Strange	Bullock
Simmonds	Black
Archibald	Thornhill
Massey	24 Edwards
15	
Holdman	Reed
Jones	Wood
Luck	Wynne-Jones
Alderman	16 Shields
66	

K. C. C. v. K. B. G. C.

Played at Kowloon C.C.	
Laham	Hale
Lawrence	Rundell
Petheram	Evens
Davidson	23 Warren
15	
Edwards	Slipper
Lyle	Matthews
Smith	Budding
Laymert	16 Macleachan
25	
Hamblin	Fergusson
Harrison	Blain
Goldenberg	Dixon
Herridge	22 Wylie
61	

League Tables.

The following are the positions in the League to date:—

Division I.				
	P.	W.	D.	L. Pts.
Kowloon D.R.C.	2	2	—	4
Taikoo R.C.	1	1	—	2
Kowloon C.C.	2	1	1	2
Craigengower C.C.	2	1	1	2
Police R.C.	2	1	1	2
Kowloon B.G.C.	1	—	1	—
Civil Service C.C.	2	—	2	—

Shots for and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up Dn.
Kowloon D.R.C.	131	102	29
Taikoo R.C.	60	54	6
Kowloon C.C.	102	118	16
Craigengower C.C.	114	98	16
Police R.C.	109	124	15
Kowloon B.G.C.	101	—	—
Civil Service C.C.	2	—	—

DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	D.	L. Pts.
Taikoo R.C.	2	2	—	4
Kowloon C.C.	2	2	—	4
East Point R.C.	2	1	1	2
Civil Service C.C.	2	1	1	2
Recreio	2	1	1	2
Kowloon B.G.C.	1	—	1	—
Royal H.K.Y.C.	1	—	1	—
Craigengower C.C.	2	—	2	—

Shots for and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up Dn.
Taikoo R.C.	124	110	14
Kowloon C.C.	124	110	14
East Point R.C.	118	96	22
Civil Service C.C.	120	110	10
Recreio	87	61	8
Kowloon B.G.C.	58	66	—
Royal H.K.Y.C.	58	66	—
Craigengower C.C.	102	184	82

TENNIS LEAGUE.

INDIAN AND CHINESE CLUBS LEADING.

No fewer than twelve games were decided in the three divisions of the league on Saturday afternoon. The Indians and the Chinese Recreation Clubs were both victorious in all divisions. In the "B" Division, South China A. managed to defeat the R.E. thus registering their first win in the League.

In some cases, the winning Clubs had things pretty much their own way, there being two victories by over forty games, four by over thirty games and one of 25 games.

"A" DIVISION.

H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C.

On the Hongkong C.C. ground, the Indians defeated the home team by 33 games. Scores: G. W. Sewell and S. E. Green (H.K.C.C.) lost to S. A. Rumbahn and Y. A. Wahab, 4-7; lost to H. D. Rumbahn and I. M. Razack, 3-3; lost to A. H. Rumbahn and S. H. Ismail, 1-10.

M.B.K. v. K.C.C.

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha lost to the Kowloon C.C. by 19 games on their own ground. Scores: T. Honda and H. Akiyama (M.B.K.) beat E. F. Fincher and D. H. Hazell, 10-1; lost to C. E. Millard and W. Hyde, 3-8; beat E. C. Fincher and L. Jack, 10-1.

S. Fujita and T. Ema (M.B.K.)

lost to E. F. Fincher and D. H. Hazell, 2-9; lost to C. E. Millard and W. Hyde, 2-9; beat E. C. Fincher and L. Jack, 6-5.

University v. C.R.C.

The Chinese R.C. defeated the University by 5 games on the latter's ground. Scores: A. A. Rumbahn and T. W. Chong (University) lost to Ng Sze-kwong and M. W. Lo, 3-8; lost to Ng Sze-cheong and M. K. Lo, 3-8; beat Yew Man-tsun and Yew Man-kit, 8-3.

P. C. Lim and H. C. Hung (University)

lost to Ng Sze-kwong and M. W. Lo, 5-6; beat Ng Sze-cheong and M. K. Lo, 7-4; beat Yew Man-tsun and Yew Man-kit, 5-6.

"B" DIVISION.

I.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.

At Sookunpoo, the Indian R.C. defeated Hongkong C.C. by 9 games. Scores: S. A. R. Ismail and J. S. A. Curran (I.R.C.) lost to S. M. Garrod and H. J. Armstrong, 6-5; lost to E. Summers and W. A. Nowers, 4-7; beat D. S. Green and W. M. Lyons, 6-5.

S. A. Hussain and J. A. Cassumbhoy (I.R.C.)

beat S. M. Garrod and H. J. Armstrong, 6-5; beat E. Summers and W. A. Nowers, 6-5; beat D. S. Green and W. M. Lyons, 7-4.

K.C.C. v. C.R.C.

At Kowloon, the Chinese R.C. defeated Kowloon C.C. by 41 games. Scores: C. W. E. Bishop and D. J. Purves (K.C.C.) lost to C. Choa and H. Lo, 6-6; lost to Lau Man-ching and Lu Tak-cheuk, 4-7; lost to Lau Fook-ki and Cheung Wing-kiu, 1-10.

C. H. Atkins and K. A. Karsten (K.C.C.)

lost to C. Choa and H. Lo, 2-9; lost to Lau Man-ching and Lu Tak-cheuk, 4-7; lost to Lau Fook-ki and Cheung Wing-kiu, 2-9.

U.S.R.C. v. Recreio.

Playing at Home, the United Services R.C. lost to the Club de Recreio by 25 games. Scores: Comdr. Turner and Lt. Sturges (U.S.R.C.) lost to J. Silva and F. Remedios, 5-6; lost to F. Ozerio and J. Ribeiro, 5-6; lost to E. Souza and F. Prata, 3-8.

Lt. Smith and Lt. Browerton (U.S.R.C.)

lost to J. Silva and F. Remedios, 2-9; lost to F. Ozerio and J. Ribeiro, 4-7; beat E. Souza and F. Prata, 3-8.

N. Evans and T. Rowell (U.S.R.C.)

lost to J. Silva and F. Remedios, 5-6; lost to F. Ozerio and J. Ribeiro, 3-8; lost to E. Souza and F. Prata, 2-9.

C.C.C. v. University.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower C.C. defeated the University, by 7 games. Scores: W. Howard and H. Howard (C.C.C.) beat W. M. Gittins and D. K. Samy, 6-5; lost to T. K. Tan and G. de Souza, 6-5; beat T. L. Lu and B. P. Ng, 7-4.

J. W. Leonard and G. Bodiker (C.C.C.)

beat W. M. Gittins and D. K. Samy, 6-5; beat T. K. Tan and G. de Souza, 7-4; beat T. L. Lu and B. P. Ng, 6-5.

W. Crocker and A. B. Hanson (C.C.C.)

beat W. M. Gittins and D. K. Samy, 6-5; lost to T. K. Tan

and G. de Souza, 4-7; beat T. L. Lu and B. P. Ng, 6-5.

S.C.A.A. v. R.E.

At King's Park, the South China A.A. defeated the Royal Engineers by 19 games. Scores: H. W. Chau and C. H. Ma (S.C.A.A.) beat Col. Russell-Brown and Spr. Earl, 8-3; beat Capt. Jacobs-Larkcomb and Q.M.S. Higgs, 7-4; beat Capt. Bridgland and Sig. White, 6-5.

K. C. Luk and Y. C. Luk (S.C.A.A.)

beat Col. Russell-Brown and Spr. Earl, 6-5; beat Capt. Jacobs-Larkcomb and Q.M.S. Higgs, 8-3; lost to Capt. Bridgland and Sig. White, 4-7.

S. Chan and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.)

beat Col. Russell-Brown and Spr. Earl, 7-4; lost to Capt. Jacobs-Larkcomb, 5-6; beat Capt. Bridgland and Sig. White, 8-3.

"C" DIVISION.

Nippon v. H.K.C.C.

At King's Park, the Nippon Club defeated the Hongkong C.C. by 35 games. Scores: K. Yoshikawa and Y. Hachikawa (Nippon) beat H. R. Remington and M. M. Watson, 7-4; beat J. R. Collis and R. W. Lee, 9-2; beat A. H. Yoko and Y. M. M. (Nippon) lost to H. R. Remington and M. M. Watson, 6-6; beat J. R. Collis and R. W. Lee, 8-3; beat A. H. Penn and J. R. Hinton, 7-4.

C.R.C. v. K.C.C.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese R.C. defeated the Kowloon C.C. by no less than 43 games. Scores: W. B. Ma and W. P. Chan (C.R.C.) beat W. Woodward and H. McBride, 8-3; beat G. Lee and A. J. Kew, 7-4; beat C. H. Leddra and R. F. Strange, 9-2.

M. K. Lau and H. F. Un (C.R.C.)

beat W. Woodward and H. McBride, 8-3; beat G. Lee and A. J. Kew, 6-2; beat C. H. Leddra and R. F. Strange, 9-2.

K. K. Ip and P. F. Choy (C.R.C.)

beat W. Woodward and H. McBride, 7-4; beat G. Lee and A. J. Kew, 6-5; beat C. H. Leddra and R. F. Strange, 8-3.

Recreio v. K.B.S.F.P.A.

On their own ground, the Club de Recreio defeated the Kowloon British School F.P.A. by 37 games. Scores: H. Remedios and E. Barros (Recreio) beat E. W. Raiton and W. R. Greenhalgh, 7-4; beat G. Puncheon and J. C. Faers, 8-3; lost to A. Bliss and G. Hedley, 5-6.

E. Noronha and C. Barretto (Recreio)

beat E. W. Raiton and W. R. Greenhalgh, 11-0; beat G. Puncheon and J. C. Faers, 10-1; beat A. Bliss and G. Hedley, 8-3.

A. Remedios and L. Ribeiro (Recreio)

beat E. W. Raiton and W. R. Greenhalgh, 8-2; beat G. Puncheon and J. C. Faers, 6-5; lost to A. Bliss and G. Hedley, 4-7.

R.A.O.C. v. N.T.C.

At Sookunpoo, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps defeated the Netherlands T.C. by 37 games. Scores: Hurly and Lake (R.A.O.C.) beat J. Walle and A. J. Ramondt, 10-1; beat H. J. Knottnerus and Suemondt, 10-1; beat G. H. Heintzen and F. Lafleur, 7-4.

Bendall and Hale (R.A.O.C.)

beat J. Walle and A. J. Ramondt, 7-4; beat H. J. Knottnerus and Suemondt, 8-3; beat G. H. Heintzen and F. Lafleur, 7-4.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

K.B.S.F.P.A. v. S.C.A.A.

In a match played at King's Park yesterday afternoon between the Kowloon British School Former Pupils Association and South China Athletic Association, the latter won by 64 games to 35.

Puncheon and Slipper (K.B.S.F.P.A.)

lost to Tsang and Tai 4-7, lost to Tso and Ng 3-8, lost to Li and Chus 3-8.

Curtis and Price (K.B.S.F.P.A.)

lost to Tsang and Tai 5-6, lost to Tso and Ng 3-8, beat Li and

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June 15	Seattle	G.W. Washington	July 15	P.m. C'burg July 21
June 21	San Francisco	Homeric	July 23	C'burg-S'mptn July 29
June 29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	P.m. C'burg Aug. 7
July 5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug. 6	C'burg-S'mptn Aug. 12
July 13	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug. 10	C'burg-S'mptn Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	P.m. C'burg Aug. 26
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COTTON GROWING
LOCALLY.EXPERIMENT IN THE NEW
TERRITORIES.

Under the efficient chairmanship of the Rev. H. R. Wells, the Committee of the New Territories Agricultural Show, 1927, held one of their periodical meetings at Sir Robert Ho Tung's experimental farm at Sheung Shui on Saturday. Since the first meeting, we learn from Mr. J. P. Braga, the hon. English Secretary, that Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., has been approached and has consented to act as Patron of the Agricultural Show to be held next December. Mr. J. A. Fraser, District Officer (North) has been invited to act as Vice-Patron.

A letter was read from Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, who was unavoidably prevented from attending Saturday's meeting, that His Excellency the Governor would present a prize for the Show. Further, that Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Brunner Mond and Co. had signified their intention of securing space for putting up displays. In the latter connection, opportunity would be afforded at the Show for the display of British and foreign agricultural implements and various kinds of fertilizers. Intending exhibitors would be well advised to communicate with the hon. secretaries—English and Chinese—as to the allocations of space they would like to reserve.

Welcome Donations.

As the result of an appeal issued by Mr. L. Gibbs, a member of the Finance Sub-Committee, for subscriptions to defray the cost of the Show, the following individual donations have been received:

Sir Robert Ho Tung \$50, Mr. L. Gibbs \$20, Mr. G. G. Wood \$20, Mr. G. P. de Martin \$20, The Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C. \$20, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin \$20, The Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp \$10, Mr. D. W. Trautman \$10, Mr. A. E. Wood \$10, Mr. N. L. Smith \$10, Mr. E. L. Agassiz \$10, His Hon. Mr. Justice Wood \$10, The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G. \$10, Mr. E. M. Hazeland \$5, Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones \$5.

Mr. Tsui Pot-lin, a member of the Chinese section of the Finance Sub-Committee, has opened the Chinese list with a donation of \$30. The initial outlay for housing the Show alone will, it is estimated, amount to over \$1,500. The Committee will, therefore, need all the assistance and co-operation it can get from the community towards making the experimental Show a success.

The proposed exhibition is designed to demonstrate the possibilities of developing the New Territories and, incidentally, of increasing and improving the vegetable supplies and other products for the local markets.

An Admirable Site.

The plans and design of the Show building are in the experienced hands of Mr. L. Gibbs, of the firm of Messrs. Dennison, Ram and Gibbs. Mr. Gibbs had been for a number of years the hon. secretary of the Hongkong Horticultural Society.

The Agricultural Show Committee has, therefore, the benefit of Mr. Gibbs' technical advice and long experience. Sir Robert Ho Tung's spacious and well laid out, experimental farm at Sheung Shui, besides being centrally and conveniently situated for the purposes of the Show, is an admirable site for housing the Show building.

Cotton Growing.

The Chairman (Rev. H. R. Wells), at last Saturday's meeting, complimented Mr. Fung Kei-chuk on his generosity and public spirit in obtaining, at his own cost, a bag of cotton seeds from the agricultural department of the Nanking University which was handed over to the Chinese members of the Committee for distribution among the farmers throughout the districts of the New Territories.

Mr. Fung, who was formerly connected with the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., has since retired from business and is devoting his leisure to experimental farming. With the seeds distributed on Saturday Mr. Fung supplied a quantity of printed instructions in Chinese for the successful sowing of cotton seeds. These instructions were compiled by Mr. Fung himself as a result of practical experiments and should yield good results. Another handbill, also in Chinese, for which Mr. Fung Kei-chuk claims authorship, contains general advice to farmers for the cultivation of crops, etc.

Bright Prospects.

These helpful "hints" to farmers will be explained to the tillers of the soil in the New Territories, who are unable to understand the written language, through the Gentry Assembly Hall at Tai Po and the Hop Yick Company of Un Long, the two im-

LOCAL WEDDING.

CATHEDRAL CEREMONY ON
SATURDAY.

A very pretty naval-military wedding attracted a large congregation to St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon when Miss Norah Eleanor Lynch, eldest daughter of Major J. P. Lynch, R.A.M.C., and Mrs. Lynch was married to Lieut. Ronald William Keymer, R.N., eldest surviving son of the Rev. B. N. Keymer, M.A., and the late Mrs. Keymer. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Stopford.

The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of white georgette over white satin and silver lace, with a train of white georgette and silver lace. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Majorie Stewart who was dressed in blue and pink georgette with hat to match. Her bouquet was of pink roses. The bride's mother wore black georgette.

The bride was given away by her father and Capt. Brownjohn, M.C., Royal Engineers, officiated as best man.

The bride's going away dress was a two-piece suit of blue and grey crepe de chine, with blue hat and grey shoes and stockings to match.

After the ceremony, a largely attended reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, where the happy couple received the felicitations of their many friends. The bride and bridegroom will leave for Home to-morrow.

The Wedding Gifts.

The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a Canton shawl, and that from the bride to the bridegroom a silver cigarette case.

The bride's parents gave a tortoiseshell toilet set, a limoges tin and coffee set and a cheque. From the officers of the 4th Submarine Flotilla was a silver rose bowl and from the officers and other ranks of Submarine L20 a case of cutlery.

Other gifts included Officers of H.M.S. Iroquois, a carved lacquer box, Lieut.-Col. Coates and Officers of the 5/2 Punjab Regiment, a silver rose bowl, and Officer, R.A., Kowloon, gold and silver cigarette box. There were many other beautiful gifts from Army and Naval officers and numerous friends.

AMERICAN BASEBALL.

RESULTS IN THE MAJOR
LEAGUE.

New York, May 14. The results of the matches in the baseball League during the past week were as follows:

Sunday.
New York 5, Cincinnati 4.
Brooklyn 1, St. Louis 5.

Wednesday.
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 6.

Thursday.
New York 10, St. Louis 1.

Brooklyn 7, Cincinnati 6.

Boston 4, Pittsburgh 8.

Philadelphia 1, Chicago 4.

Friday.
New York 1, St. Louis 11.

Brooklyn 5, Cincinnati 4.

Philadelphia 4, Chicago 1.

American League.

Sunday.
Chicago 0, New York 9.

Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 2.

St. Louis 8, Washington 3.

Detroit 3, Boston 2.

Monday.
Chicago 2, New York 1.

Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 1.

Detroit 17, Boston 11.

Tuesday.
St. Louis 7, New York 8.

Cleveland 5, Boston 6.

Detroit 3, Philadelphia 6.

Chicago 4, Washington 3.

Wednesday.
St. Louis 2, New York 4.

Detroit 1, Philadelphia 3.

Chicago 4, Washington 1.

Thursday.
St. Louis 3, New York 4.

Detroit 3, Philadelphia 7.

Chicago 5, Washington 4.

Friday.
St. Louis 1, New York 3.

Cleveland 0, Boston 7.

Detroit 3, Philadelphia 10.

Detroit 3, Philadelphia 10.

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portant centres of communal affairs in the territories. Asked as to the possibility of successful cotton cultivation in the New Territories, Mr. Fung expressed himself as very enthusiastic.

He has a small experimental nursery in Happy Valley near the Parsee Cemetery. The cotton seeds sown there have germinated well and the young plants are thriving.

If climatic difficulties could be successfully overcome and cotton cultivation be made a practicable industry in the Colony, the Agricultural Committee will derive well of the community if no other results of the proposed Show are achieved. The Committee's efforts should be widely supported to make the Show a complete success.

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100,000 MARK REACHED.

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King's College Division 11,477

Railway Division 4,762

Indian Division 9,436

Kowloon Division 25,318

Mongkok Division 18,289

Shaikwan Division 5,577

Un Long Division 515

St. Joseph's Division 1,563

Victoria Nursing Division 197

130,383.

The work of vaccinating the public was commenced a few months ago and the Brigade has now passed the "hundred thousand" mark.

KENTUCKY DERBY.

MR. WHITNEY'S WHISKERY
WINS.

Louisville, Ky., May 15. The result of the Kentucky Derby was:

Whiskery 1.

Oamand 2.

Jock 3.

Fifteen ran. Time 2 minutes 6 seconds.

The winner was owned by Mr. R. P. Whitney. The winner's purse was \$552,525 in addition to a \$500 gold cup; for the second \$36,000 the third \$38,000 and the fourth \$31,000. All starters carried nine stone.—Reuter's American Service.

CUSTOMS TARIFFS.

THE STORTHING ADOPTS A
NEW BILL.

Oslo, May 14. The Storthing has adopted a Bill to revise the Customs tariffs which does not involve any general increase in duties.

The artificial silk duty is considerably lowered.

A silk duty is increased. A new duty on wool is introduced, and the duties on woollen articles are increased.—Reuter.

BERLIN BOURSE.

STILL NERVOUS.

Berlin, May 14. Yesterday panic on the bourse was replaced by a more sober feeling, but there is still considerable nervousness. Quotations on opening slightly improved, but soon declined to yesterday's level. The losses yesterday are estimated at several hundred million marks.—Reuter.

CAUGHT IN A GALE.

MANY DROWNED WHEN A
LAUNCH SINKS.

Madras, May 14. It is reported from Rajahmundry that nearly fifty persons were drowned through the sinking of a launch which was proceeding to Polunnam when it was caught in a terrific gale off Gutala.—Reuter.

BASEBALL DISASTER.

COLLAPSE OF STAND KILLS
ONE.

Philadelphia, May 15. One man was trampled to death and fifty other spectators injured in the collapse of a stand at a baseball match.—Reuter's American Service.



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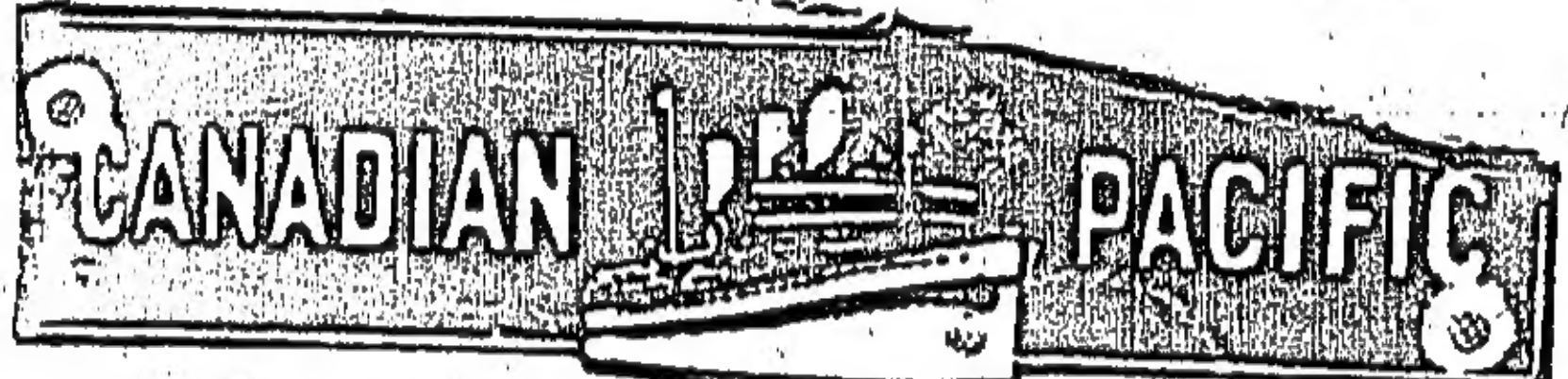
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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 23
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French Opinion.
 The papers are closely following the search of Capt. Nungesser off the Canadian and American coasts. They are of opinion that it is likely that Capt. Nungesser descended near the coast or on one of the lakes in Labrador.—*Reuter.*
 Paris Sport, has sent Mr. Roy, the

Reward Offered.

Paris, May 15.
 It is understood that M. Bompard, director of the newspaper Canadian Commission in Paris 50,000 francs as a reward for anyone discovering the aviator Nungesser in Canada.—*Reuter.*

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Peking, May 16.
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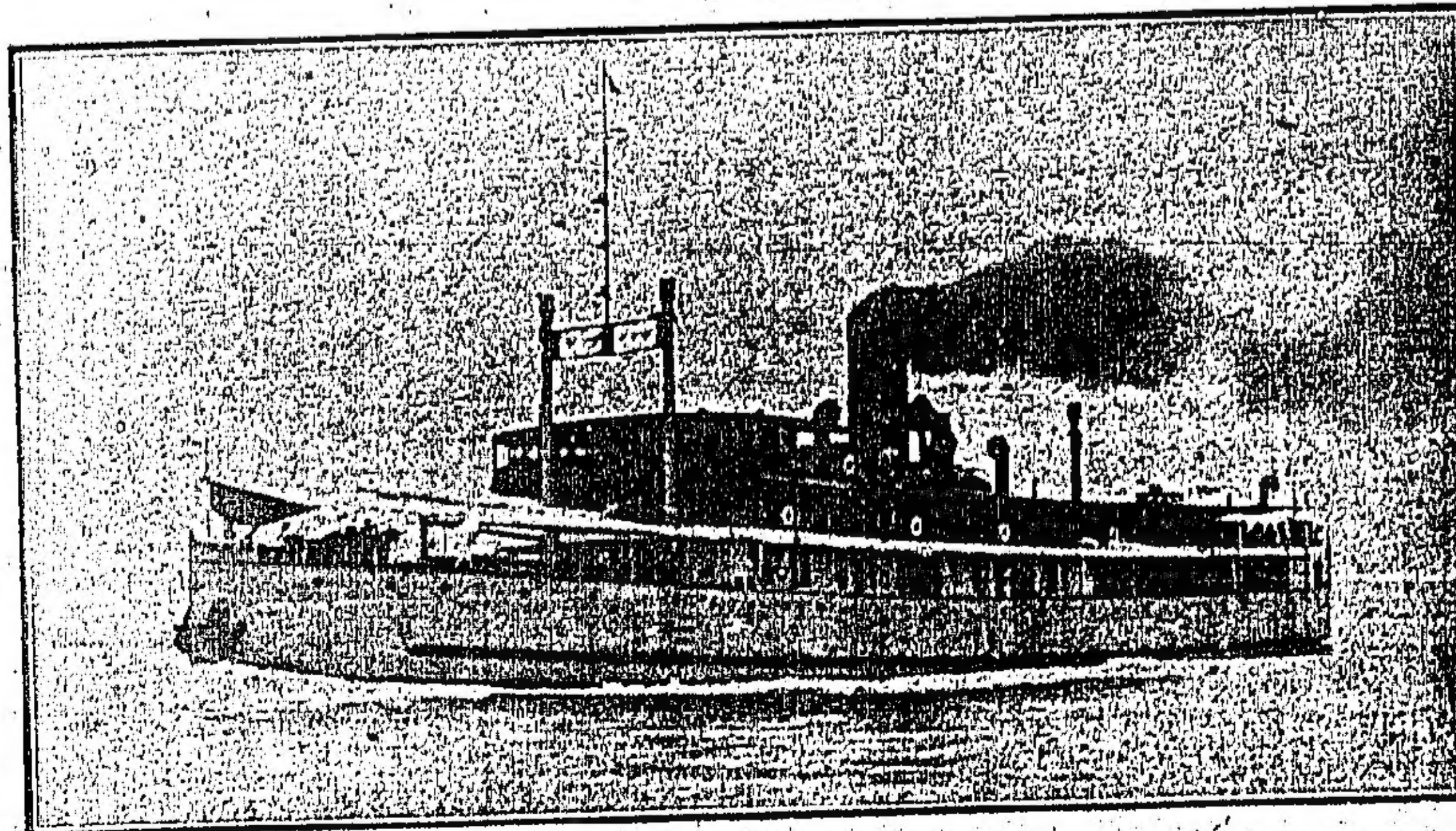
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THE MORTGAGE CASE.

PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE
CHALLENGED.

After being adjourned from Friday, the mortgage case in the Supreme Court, before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, was continued this morning, when Lo Kwong-hin, the second plaintiff, was further cross-examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who is appealing for the defendant, instructed by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson.

The plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strollett.

The plaintiffs, Lo Kwong-lam, and Lo Kwong-hin ask for a mortgage of \$400,000 on Hongkong property left by their father to be set aside on the ground that they were not of age when the deeds were signed on February 10, 1925.

After referring to the Yuk Nok Society, which was started for managing the property and was controlled by the elder brothers, plaintiff said his name appeared on a letter written by the younger brothers to the managers of the Yuk Nok Society, containing a request for the settlement of the property, but he said he did not sign it himself, his brother Lo Kwong-wai having signed it for him.

He said he learned that the period of a second mortgage for one lakh was for six months because of a letter which he read. He afterwards said he was told this by Mr. Lyson, when the letter was produced in court; and Mr. Jenkin remarked there was no mention in it of the period of the mortgage.

Plaintiff further said he knew the interest on that mortgage was \$17 for every \$1,000 per Chinese month because Lo Kwong-wai had told him so.

Signed A Release.

After referring to the various papers which plaintiff previously said he signed in connexion with the mortgage, without knowing their contents, plaintiff said he did not know that he signed a release to the trustees, nor did he know that he signed an assignment. It never occurred to him at the time of the execution to ask Mr. L. Sung or any of his brothers present what the documents were that he was signing. He signed because his brothers signed, and his elder brother Lo Lim-yuk had told him that he would not get anything unless he did sign.

Referring to a conversation between the younger brothers with Sung on the evening of February 10th, plaintiff said he could swear that nothing was then mentioned about the papers that had been signed earlier in the day.

Mr. Jenkin: At the time of the execution of the deeds in Messrs. Hastings' office, did you hear Lam say in answer to an enquiry by Leung Wing-cheung that he, Lam, had become of age?—No.

Plaintiff also denied that in a solicitor's office he saw a European point to him and ask who he was. He denied that he heard the man ask in English if he (plaintiff) was of age and he (plaintiff) replied no.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that in your hearing he asked in English, of Sung who you were and whether you were of age.—No.

Speaking with regard to an interview between the late Mr. Lyson, himself and his brother Lam, plaintiff said that Mr. Lyson advised Lam, as he had advised him (Lam) on learning their ages, that the mortgage was not enforceable so far as Lam was concerned.

Mr. Jenkin: I have got no means of checking it, but I put it to you that what you say with regard to that interview with reference to Lam's age and Mr. Lyson's advice is false.

An Objection.

Mr. Potter rose and objected, saying it was for the other side to disprove that and not to accuse the plaintiff of telling an untruth.

In reply to his Lordship Mr. Jenkin said that question did not show a reverse of his position. He had been unable to check the statement by the first plaintiff that he told Mr. Lyson he was under age, but at the same time he challenged the whole of the first plaintiff's case as to the truth of what he had said. He contended that under the circumstances no such a thing could have taken place.

Mr. Potter remarked there was no real justification for making that suggestion, and added that no counsel had the right to put it to anyone that he was a liar in saying he was born on a certain date, when there was literally no material in the possession of the other side to show that that date was untrue. Mr. Jenkin could say he was going to put the man to proof of his age.

Mr. Jenkin said he had no knowledge of the family history and had been unable to check it up, but it was likely he would ask his Lordship to reject the whole of

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S.S. LUNGSHAN FIRED ON.

According to telegraphic advices to reach Hongkong late this morning, the s.s. Lungshan, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, which left here at 2 o'clock this morning for Canton, was fired on while passing Whampoa on her way up the river.

No details are to hand and, in the absence of advices to the Company here, it must be assumed that there was no serious result to the incident.

BELIEF IN WITCHES.

WOMAN TORTURED IN
WESTPHALIA.

Zurich.—Belief in witches still flourishes among the peasants of Westphalia, and the torturing of those supposed to be "possessed with demons" is reported to be frequent.

Frau Martha Lande, married only three weeks, recently died of wounds received at the hands of peasants who believed her to be a witch. A fortune teller told her husband that she was responsible for disease breaking out among his cattle, and recommended that she be confined in a dark room and frequently beaten to rid her of the evil spirit.

For more than a fortnight the girl was imprisoned without food. The husband and his relatives tortured their victim until she was near death. Authorities intervened and took the girl to a hospital, where she died.

the evidence which the other side had given.

His Lordship said he would have to do that without the asking of that question.

Mr. Jenkin replied he would ask his Lordship to reject their evidence unless he told him (Mr. Jenkin) that he could not do so. He would, particularly with regard to the first plaintiff, by reason of the plaintiff's conduct in the circumstances. They could not have been of the age which they now said they were at the time of signing the documents.

If he did not put the question he would not be able to submit as a fact, among others, that no step was taken, as must have been, by the legal advisers of the first plaintiff, on their ascertaining the fact that the deed was not binding. When he argued later, he would put it to his Lordship that the fact of Mr. Lyson writing no letter whatsoever on behalf of the first plaintiff protesting the mortgage, was a matter for explanation. Why, he asked, could he not go further and say that the reason was because Mr. Lyson had never had any information with regard to the ages?

His Lordship decided against the question, but permitted Mr. Jenkin to get what he wanted in another form.

The case is proceeding.

CHIANG SCORES BIG
VICTORY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Chairman of the Council, and by Major-General John Duncan, Commanding the Shanghai Defence Force, who addressed the parade in English, the speeches afterwards being translated into Dutch.

WEEK-END NEWS.

Wu Pei-fu Again.

Shanghai, May 14. General Wu Pei-fu, who, since his defeat more than six months ago has been in retirement, has suddenly reappeared in the military arena.

It is reliably learned that with his staff, he left Hunghsien, near Honanfu, on Thursday, for Nan-yang, in South-Western Honan, in order to reorganise his troops there, which are said to number 50,000 and which at present are under various subordinate Generals.

It is believed that he will personally take command in a fresh drive against Hankow, probably in co-operation with Yang Sen.—*Reuter.*

A Southern Offensive.

Shanghai, May 14. Nationalists forces are concentrating in considerable numbers at Fushan. A report from the Police Intelligence states that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek gave orders to his various commanders at Chingkiang and Nanjing to take the offensive on May 13, and to make an effort to effect a landing on the north side of the river. This movement may be expected to-day or to-morrow. Otherwise, the situation remains the same.—*Naval Wireless.*

Troop Movements.

Chingkiang, May 14. There were considerable troop movements yesterday from the south to the north bank below Chingkiang. Another division of the 1st army arrived on the night of the 12th and large numbers of troops are now embarked on river vessels, everything being ready for their departure.

The north shore guns fired a few rounds in the direction of the town yesterday.

It is reported that the foreign residences, recently occupied by Chinese troops, have been evacuated.—*Naval Wireless.*

Hankow, May 14. Considerable troop movements from Wuchang across the river and up to the Honan front have taken place, but otherwise there is nothing to report.—*Naval Wireless.*

Hankow Claims Honanfu.

Shanghai, May 15. According to a message from Nanking dated 14th, a wireless report from Hankow states that the Government claims that Feng Yushiang has captured Honanfu.—*Reuter.*

Stray Bullets.

Nanking, May 14. Firing on vessels passing Nanking is becoming more common and ships lying at anchor in the river have been struck by stray bullets. There was considerable gunfire from the north bank yesterday, and at times this was re-

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Shanghai, May 14. Firing on ships passing Nanking is becoming more frequent.

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Several ships proceeding in convoy down-river were also fired on near Nanking.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, May 15. The U. S. S. Pillsbury has again been fired on.—*Reuter.*

Commandeering at Shanghai.

Shanghai, May 14. There has been an outbreak of commandeering of Chinese steam and motor boats, and this has been going on for some days. Up to the present about thirty boats have been commandeered and taken up to Kiangnan dock to await further orders.—*Naval Wireless.*

Troops In Two Premises.

Chingkiang, May 13. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s residences have been occupied by Chinese troops and, in reply to a protest, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has re-

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1. Bohemian religious reformer and martyr, burned at the stake 1415, founder of the "Hussites". 2. One of two long arms project-fur towards each other from opposite banks or piers, used in bridge making. 3. Gutenberg, about the middle of the fifteenth century. 4. November 1855. 5. Jonathan Swift. 6. Melpomene, tragic mask and ivy wreath. 7. The Dutch admiral Van Tromp, to "sway the English off the sea". (1652). 8. T. P. O'Connor. 9. Henry VIII. 10. In 1778 a party of citizens of Boston, disguised as Indians, boarded the tea-ships in the harbour and threw the cargoes overboard. This incident marked the beginning of active opposition to the Crown, leading up to the War of American Independence. 11. Chinese pillbox. 12. Charles Gargant Jager. 13. Archibald Cameron, at the stake 1666. 14. A globular bottle protected by a wicker covering. 15. The Queen's (Royal West Surrey).

questioned General Ho, who is in command, to order the removal of troops from all foreign premises.

The arrival of further troops is expected shortly from Nanking.—*Naval Wireless.*

Wuhu Quiet.

Wuhu, May 14. The situation remains unchanged.—*Naval Wireless.*